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## Fears expressed about democracy eroding

**OPPOSITION** councillors on Bridgend County Borough Council have voiced fears that democracy is being eroded with amendments to the local authority's constitution.

Conservative councillor Matthew Voisey, who asked for a review of the constitution, said he wanted to see certain changes made to increase democracy and

open government on the Labour-run council. But rather than improving things, he said democracy was being "closed down" following the findings made by a cross-party group tasked with considering various measures.

Cllr Voisey had asked for a shorter time period for questions and motions to be reinstated, the power to question cabinet members following their announcements at full council, the right for the three largest

opposition groups to make announcements and for the timing of council meetings to be reconsidered.

But none of his suggestions were taken forward following the review, with the group instead putting forward its own recommendations.

At a full council meeting on November 20, some opposition councillors criticised the findings of the group, but they all ended up agreeing the measures with one amendment.

As a result, council meetings will continue to take place during the day as opposed to in the evening. A vote in the summer saw 17 out of 45 councillors vote in favour of holding evening meetings.

## Creative youngsters awarded at Senedd ceremony



ABOVE: Dylan Davies aged 7 of Penyfai Church in Wales Primary School won his age category in the School Partner poster competition.

**GIFTED** young artists and filmmakers used their creative talents to highlight the importance of saving regularly for a Credit Unions of Wales competition.

The winners of the School Partner Competition were announced at the Senedd by Jane Hutt AM, Patron of Credit Unions of Wales. Pupils and teachers were treated to a VIP tour of the Senedd before trophies were presented to the winners who entered any three categories to design a poster or make a film celebrating their school saver club.

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## Is this Christmas spirit?

**DOSSER, horror, squalor?**; what a cowardly letter (GEM letters, November 14).

And then wondering about their toilet habits... a bit weird. Attacking the most vulnerable in our society is easier than helping out or doing something about it, I suppose.

I too was saddened by the state of affairs in the Windsor Hotel doorway, but only because I walked past on a freezing day, and felt sad that someone would be sleeping there that night. They are camped outside a derelict building that could probably house 10 people, and we call this civilisation?

Robert Abushal, Barry.

## Reason for resignation

**WITH** reference to the letter by your correspondent Duncan Barber (GEM Letters, November 21), the reason Alun Cairns had to resign was not as your correspondent assumes.

The reason he had to go, rightly so, was that Alun Cairns claimed he did not know about the conduct that led to a judge accusing his former aide Ross England of deliberately sabotaging a rape trial.

However, an email came to light calling into question that denial from Alun Cairns, which is far more serious than your correspondent's assumption.

Marc Delaney, Barry.

## Who is to blame for not recycling?

**I** TOTALLY agree with J Cody about plastic recycling.

Recently, I had a meal in a superstore in Bridgend and saw a waitress pushing plastic milk containers into the black plastic rubbish bags.

I enquired if they would be recycled and was told that they would not, because the staff simply did not have the time to do so. She said that the self-service tea machine took many milk containers every day, and the coffee machine took many more; they obviously use dozens per day.

I recycle mine weekly, but they probably use more in one day than I do in one year. Whose fault is this? Is it the management, staff or council recycling policy? I doubt the staff are to blame and fully believe that they do not have the time to wash and store them for future collection. If all supermarkets throughout the country practice the same policy, there must be millions of containers per year going into landfill.

Something is wrong, and needs to be fixed as soon as possible.

Steve George, Llantwit Major.

## Chivalry alive and well in Barry

**MAY** I take this opportunity to announce that chivalry in Barry is not gone.

Recently I experienced it twice in one day. During bright daylight, I wanted petrol, so journeyed to the garage. Because the sun was low, I could not read the cost. A polite person left his family to put fuel into my car as my sunglasses were not strong enough. He refused any payment for such a kind act.

Next, I drove to the exit of the garage on Port Road and yet again could not see vehicles (which in

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Barry have trebled in number) and was unable to get onto the main road safely – the bright light blinded my view.

I approached another motorist for help and the young gentleman went the extra mile, not only abandoning his own car, but drove mine right onto my driveway. He then had to walk back to Millers for his own car. He was called Harry and lived on Cwm Tawlg and he made sure I was safely home. This confirmed that chivalry is very much alive and I shall never forget the kindness and concern of these strangers. Thank you both from the bottom of my heart, and I am sure your families must be proud of you.

June Pooley, Barry.

## 'Terrible' state of the pavements

**WHEN, oh when, will the Highways department of the Vale of Glamorgan acknowledge the terrible state of the roads and pavements in Cowbridge?**

After numerous falls on the pavements by members of the public, including two by me, still they take no notice. I now have to access the town via a lane, as the pavements are too dangerous to use. I don't want to suffer any more injuries. There was another accident just a few days ago. The roads are just as bad, especially at the junction of Waitrose car park and Church Road. When complaining, all one gets is a number! What use is that, when nothing is done? Does anyone in authority ever do a proper investigation?

Andrea Burges, Cowbridge.

## Why no Sunday buses?

**I** HAVE lived in Rhose since 1997 and this bus route has always had its problems with time-keeping and reliability, with buses running late at times and sometimes not even turning up.

Despite a number of changes of ownership this problem never seems to go away. At present the service is run by NAT Travel Group, the only bus service running through St Athan and Rhose; they have recently changed the timetable, with no prior warning.

The service now runs from Bridgend to Llantwit Major as the 303 and then as a separate service the 304 to Cardiff via St Athan and Rhose. I acknowledge that this has possibly been done to try to improve the bus times between Llantwit and Cardiff, which is a good thing; but cannot understand why when you print a timetable out online, other than The Blue Anchor pub and the airport, none of the stops in Rhose are included.

The major problem with the new times is that there seem to be no buses at all from Llantwit to Cardiff on a Sunday, which means that people in St Athan and Rhose are cut off from each other if they do not have an alternate means of transport. How are people supposed to be able to get to work or hospital on that day? This is the first time I have known there to be no bus service on a Sunday.

Answers from both NAT and the Vale council as to how this was allowed to come about, please; when the populations of both villages have increased by so

much over the past four years.

Robert Cameron, Rhose.

## Veterans being left out in the cold

**AS** we look forward to the festive period and temperatures continue to drop, we must spare a thought for those who have served our country but find themselves homeless.

Research shows around 300-400 veterans end up on the streets every year, and up to 4,000 require urgent support to find accommodation.

Under the Armed Forces Covenant, veterans have access to enhanced housing support, but far too many still fall through the gaps and miss out on this. The No Homeless Veterans campaign ([www.nohomelessveterans.org.uk](http://www.nohomelessveterans.org.uk)), funded by the Forces in Mind Trust, calls on local authorities, homelessness charities and advice agencies to 'Think Veteran' when people approach them in housing need, in order to effectively identify former Servicemen and women and channel them through to the best possible support.

The fact that this Christmas there will be veterans sleeping in inappropriate accommodation, in hostels and on the streets, is unacceptable.

By working with local authorities and providing a clear pathway to housing, we can put an end to this and make sure no veteran is without a home at Christmas.

Ed Tytherleigh, Co-Chair of the Cobseo (Confederation of Service Charities), Housing

Cluster, 12 Elizabeth Street, London.

## Doorstep discussion deterrence?

**JUST** when the election campaign kicked off, Cairns sent out letters paid for by the taxpayer, enclosing a sticker to deter cold callers including political canvassers.

This was justified as helping to protect vulnerable people, who may be alarmed by strangers on their doorstep in the dark.

Canvassing is a traditional tool used by political parties to identify their supporters and is conducted by volunteers. It also assists residents who want further information, such as how to apply for a postal vote. Often voters need some encouragement to take part in the democratic process; something Mr Cairns should support. Without these brief face-to-face meetings, many voters would be more reliant on the partial 'news' of the social media and newspapers owned by Tory millionaires. I can understand why Mr Cairns wants to deter doorstep discussions. How would he defend his voting record, supporting the bedroom tax, reductions in welfare spending and ending support for 16-19 year olds in FE while opposing measures to prevent climate change, taxes on bankers' bonuses, a mansion tax and money to create jobs for young people?

Paul Denham, Barry.

## Help us give the gift of hope this Christmas

**AS** the cold nights of winter draw in it becomes more apparent how important home is to us all.

While most of the country will be getting ready to celebrate with loved ones and looking forward to a home cooked Christmas dinner, there will be thousands of people facing the struggle of having nowhere safe to call home. Many of us will have noticed the rising number of people sleeping on the streets where we live or work. But what we don't see is that for every person on our streets there are another 12 families or individuals stuck in hostels, on sofas and in unsafe and insecure accommodation. No one should be forced to live, or spend Christmas, this way. That's why – outside of our year-round services – Crisis in South Wales is running a wellbeing fortnight in December, providing people experiencing homelessness with a range of activities from walks to museum trails and films to Christmas cooking. To find out more or to donate to Crisis this Christmas please visit [www.crisis.org.uk/christmas](http://www.crisis.org.uk/christmas).

Karen Grunhut, Director of Crisis Skylight Centre in Wales.

## Flooding in Dinas Powys

**THE** community must be kept fully informed about the plans of the Natural Resources Wales regarding their flood schemes in Dinas Powys.

As a local Plaid Cymru community councillor, I believe there is a great deal of confusion regarding Natural Resources Wales' plans for the Mill Stream / River Cadoxton. Therefore Dinas Powys community councillors have sought clarity from NRW."

In reply, the organisation said that it is considering 12 options in connection with the Dinas Powys Flood Risk Management Scheme; Do nothing/walk away; Do minimum/business as usual; Natural flood management on Cadoxton River; Channel storage on East Brook; Upstream flood storage; Flood defences along Cadoxton River in Dinas Powys; A short flood defence at the end of St Cadoc's Avenue (right bank) to six properties; Improve conveyance at A4055 Cardiff Road bridge; Heavy channel maintenance of the Cadoxton River; Flood relief channel to East Brook; Property flood resilience/protection measures; Combinations of the above. I, and fellow community councillor Richard Grigg believe the public needs to be fully briefed about the options, although at times it can be a challenge.

C Franks, Dinas Powys.

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

### UNTIL DECEMBER 5

Date	Time	Height (metres)
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28/11/2019	19.39	10.1
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02/12/2019	09.57	8.6
02/12/2019	22.21	8.3
03/12/2019	10.47	8.1
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# Scheme will transform and celebrate county's green spaces

**GREEN spaces across Bridgend County Borough are about to be transformed over the next four years as a new National Lottery Community Fund project, 'Green Links' is launched by the charity, Plantlife.**

Plantlife is committed to speaking up for the nation's wild plants and working to protect and build understanding of the vital role they play in everyday life.

'Green Links' will work to celebrate green spaces in the county borough that have become important havens for threatened wildlife.

The area is lucky enough to have seven nature-rich green spaces which will be utilised and improved with the help of 'Green Links'.

The project aims to make connections so that people can nurture green spaces and green space can benefit people.

Plantlife's Helen Bradley said: "By highlighting their importance and value, people will grow to love and cherish these areas and feel a sense of pride in what is on their doorstep rather than seeing them as just places to walk the dog."

Green spaces such as Kenfig National Nature Reserve, Tremains Wood and Bryngarw Country Park will also benefit from this project.

Keeping these areas healthy is key for wildlife and getting local people involved is vital to the upkeep and management of these spaces.

'Green Links' aims to make a connection between the community and green spaces by providing opportunities for active involvement and promoting the use of green space for volunteering, learning and enjoyment. The project also hopes to create lasting benefits by training volunteers, educators and local partners to use these green spaces for skills building, conservation and well-being

activities.

There will be an array of project activities taking place from 2019 through to 2023 which will develop through feedback from partners and people within local communities including:

New scientist activities – Local schools could be supported to create a citizen science activity focused on plant life at Kenfig National Nature Reserve or it could be used as a training activity for educators.

Conservation activities – opportunities for local communities to learn new skills and help manage and monitor green spaces. Training sessions could be held with volunteers at Bryngarw Country Park around plant monitoring.

Wellbeing activities – such as family health walks themed around medicinal plants or woodland mindfulness training for community workers.

Some project activities are already under way and have received positive feedback.

# Bailiffs sent to collect parking fines

**SOME 50 warrants a month are being issued by Bridgend County Borough Council to bailiffs to pursue drivers who haven't paid fines for parking infringements.**

The local authority says it is not unusual for some drivers to have 20 outstanding fines, with others having been fined up to 40 times for parking dangerously outside schools or in bus stops and on zig-zags at crossing points.

The fines relate to a mobile camera car which the council bought in early 2018 to crack down on unsafe or illegal parking by schools and other areas.

During a recent scrutiny committee meeting on enforcement, the council's traffic management and parking team leader Phillip Angel said the council had received £43,000 from tickets being issued to drivers in the car's first year.

Mr Angel said the majority of people paid during the discount period – fines are £70 which is discounted to £35 if paid within the first 21 days.

He added that about 100 warrants are being issued for bailiffs every two months to enforce the law.

Mr Angel said: "It's not ideal but it is what it is – a lot of people

will not pay.

"We've got warrants on people where they've got 40 penalty charge notices outstanding – 20 is not unusual.

"I couldn't afford not to learn the message.

"Some of those warrants will not be executed if people cannot be traced or if they're a vulnerable person – it then becomes revenue that is written off.

"We will often get contacted by the individual and we direct them to Citizens Advice who liaise with them and if there is any question they are vulnerable the ticket is closed."

Operations director Zak Shell said the mobile camera car had yet to break even, saying there was a "small net cost" to the local authority at the moment.

From April 2018 to March 2019 a total of 1,041 fines were issued based on parking violations detected by the car.

Mr Angel said the camera car patrolled 48 schools in the county, visiting each one during term time around twice every month.

He told councillors the car – called Roly Patroly after a six-year-old won a competition to name it – does not visit around three schools in the county as they either don't have any zigzag lines outside them or they're located down dead-end roads.

During the meeting Cllr Norah

Clarke said it would be better to have a sustained campaign at a different school each week saying the message was not getting through in the current format.

She said: "People are still not learning that they're not supposed to be parking illegally.

"I hope the message gets across before a child is seriously injured. "Parents don't think it will happen to little Johnny but it will."

Cllr Keith Edwards said if parents could drive their children into the classroom they would.

Officers said they would look into potentially publishing the numbers of how many fines are being issued at which school on the council's website.

Councillors also want to see if the council can name and shame serial offenders who are constantly being fined.

During the holiday period the car focuses more on other areas like pedestrian crossings and bus stops.

Of the initial 1,041 fines issued in the camera car's first year 216 were challenged of which 55 were accepted.

Meanwhile 10 fines reached the tribunal stage with two being upheld.

The overview and scrutiny committee took place on November 14.

**Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter**

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## Fighting with neighbours? TV bosses want to hear from you!

A TV production company is on the hunt for residents across the Vale of Glamorgan to take part in an upcoming series of Channel 5's **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door**.

Workers at Avalon Factual, who are producing the show, want to hear from people who have had a recent dispute with their neighbours.

A spokesman said:

"All information will be held in confidence and there is no pressure to take part in the programme."

"If you'd like to know more, please send an outline of your dispute and your contact details to neighbours@avalonuk.com or call 02075987392."

The **Nightmare Neighbour Next Door**, which first aired in 2014, is a documentary series which follows some of the most extreme cases of fallouts between neighbours.

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# £10,000 cash boost for CLIC Sargent cancer charity



LEFT: Staff at Tokio Marine have donated £10,000 to CLIC Sargent.



RIGHT: Nikki Lewis who died in December 2011 aged just 21.

**A BUSINESS based in Bridgend has donated £10,000 to cancer charity CLIC Sargent after hearing of a young woman's tragic story.**

Workers at Tokio Marine decided to make CLIC Sargent its charity of the year and pledged to raise vital funds after learning about the death of 21-year-old Nikki Lewis.

Ms Lewis died in December 2011 from a serious chest infection after receiving treatment for Hodgkin lymphoma.

Gavin Howells, an employee at Tokio Marine, nominated CLIC Sargent to become the company's chosen charity after his partner's dad fundraised by putting on a Christmas light display at his home.

His successful nomination has led to the charity benefiting from a £10,000 donation and ongoing support to help children and young people facing cancer.

Since Ms Lewis' death, her family and friends have also raised thousands of pounds for the charity in her memory and inspired others to drum up

money.

Ms Lewis' mum, Christine Tucker, said: "Nikki was beautiful inside and out and was such a kind, big hearted, girl who would give her time to anyone."

"We as a family had wonderful support from a lovely lady from CLIC Sargent, Mary-Ann, who was a social worker from the charity who we came to rely on. Nikki always enjoyed her visits."

"Having gone through this tragic situation, we know exactly what it is like for other families, so we want to be able to help them by raising money."

She added: "When someone we love dies, we find it extremely difficult to accept, and it is very painful to live with the grief and loss. Doing charity events and raising money for good causes doesn't take the hurt away, that will always be there, but it is about giving something back and keeping Nikki's memory alive."

Some 220 children and young people in Wales are diagnosed with cancer each year and CLIC Sargent provides emotional, financial and practical support to families facing cancer.

Tokio Marine employee Mr Howells said: "Over

the last few years, my partner's father Clive has decorated his house with Christmas lights to fundraise for CLIC Sargent."

"Knowing Christine, he has seen the support of CLIC Sargent to the family and Nikki, and Clive had taken it upon himself to raise money for the charity and to help a cause not as well known as others."

"It is such a worthwhile charity and I was inspired to put the charity forward at Tokio Marine for Charity of the Year."

Tokio Marine, which employs nearly 50 people at its Bridgend office, is a specialty insurance group.

Its managing director, Ian Rowles, said: "We ask staff every year to nominate a charity for our corporate support and we wanted something we could make a difference to. We are very pleased to support CLIC Sargent to help children and young people living with cancer."

"Alongside the £10,000 donation we will be holding activities throughout the year and games, quizzes and raffles for further contributions from our staff and supporters."

## Volunteers in Bridgend county borough are celebrated at BAVO awards evening



ABOVE: Garin Lang from Y Bont – winner of Volunteer of the Year under 25 Award, presented by Jonathan Payne on behalf of award sponsor Graham Paul Accountants.

**THE Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) celebrated local volunteers at its annual Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend.**

A BAVO spokesperson said: "Volunteers deliver services in the heart of our communities. They take on a wide range of tasks, giving their time to make their community a better place, yet often receiving little, if any,

recognition for their commitment and support. "They make a real difference to charities and ultimately to people's lives and BAVO were delighted to be able to recognise their hard work and achievements"

Compèred by Lee Jukes from Bridge FM, special guests included the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Cllr Stuart Baldwin and his Consort, and the High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan, Tina Donnelly.

Musical entertainment was provided by Garin Lang and the Off Duty Bridgend Carers Choir.



ABOVE: Heather Morris from Tŷ Hafan – winner of Charity Shop Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by Tina Donnelly, High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan.

BELOW: The winners and 'highly commended' certificate holders for Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards.



LEFT: Shannie Bowen from Active Young People's Department – winner of Sports Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by Cllr Stuart Baldwin, Mayor of Bridgend County Borough.





## Early payment scheme for people committing environmental offences revealed

**BRIDGEND County Borough Council is introducing early payment schemes for people fined for a range of environmental offences.**

People will generally have 14 days to take advantage of the reduced rate which applies for offences such as littering and fly-tipping.

However, there will be no discounted rate for dog fouling where a £100 fine is issued to owners who fail to pick up their dog's mess, are unable to show they have poo bags with them when asked or fail to put their dog on a lead when asked to do so by an enforcement officer.

Head of operations for community services Zak Shell said: "Education is the primary objective – we are not looking to raise money. A fixed penalty notice would be the last resort when it came to the presentation of waste receptacles – and only applied if

someone insisted on continuing to do it in the wrong way. We are looking to educate and encourage appropriate behaviour."

He added: "There are other circumstances where something is obvious and purposeful like littering offences, where we will take a more proactive approach regarding fixed penalty notices."

Earlier this year, the local authority appointed the private contractor 3GS to crack down on littering and dog fouling in the county.

Failing to put rubbish bags in an appropriate place and putting too many bags out could see residents fined £100, reduced to £75 under the new scheme.

It also places a responsibility on householders to ensure workmen they use are registered waste carriers if they are getting rid of material.

Mr Shell said: "When you're having a job carried out in your home, it's very important

householders use people who are registered household carriers so that they comply with the duty of care and take material to somewhere suitably licensed, as opposed to a rural lane in the county borough.

"The onus is now on the householder as well as the person carrying the waste material away. I think there's a little more work to do around raising awareness of this one and we are not looking to rush and stick a penalty notice on anyone."

Failing to comply with the duty of care in respect of household waste carries a £300 fine which will be reduced to £150 under the early payment scheme.

The changes to BCBC's environmental enforcement policy mean that: for littering offences, a £100 fine will be reduced to £75 if paid within 14 days.

For putting rubbish out for collection too early or too late or placing it in a way which blocks the

pavement, a £100 fine will be reduced to £75 if paid within 14 days.

For fly-tipping, a £200 will be reduced to £120 – if paid within 10 days of the date of the notice.

A fine for failing to produce a waste carrier licence or producing a waste transfer note will be reduced from £300 to £180 if paid within 14 days.

A fine for the unauthorised distribution of literature on designated land will be reduced from £100 to £75 if paid within 14 days.

A fine for failing to comply with the duty of care in respect of household waste will be reduced from £300 to £150 if paid within 14 days.

There is no early payment discount for failing to comply with a Public Space Protection Order – this involves dog fouling offences.

Fines are set at £100.

**Liz Bradfield,**  
Local Democracy Reporter

## Church concert raised £400 for 'Dreams and Wishes' charity



**POOR weather conditions did not deter people who gathered at St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr, for a coffee morning and Christmas table top sale on Saturday, November 9.**

In addition to the usual home-made cakes and warming cup of coffee or tea, there was a wide selection of gifts for Christmas as well as home-made preserves and locally-produced honey.

A feature which proved successful was the 'Guess the weight

of the Guinness Cake' which many readily tried. The best guess won the cake to take home and enjoy.

Other favourites included "Tombola" and Raffle. A musical interlude was provided by the local folk group 'Shenanigans' who regularly give of their support for events at the church.

A big thank you to them. The highlight of the day came when the founding organisers of the charity 'Dreams & Wishes' (pictured above) were presented with a cheque

for £400 to support terminally ill-children and their families.

This money had been raised from a charity concert held at the church in October. The organisers stated that part of this money would go to purchase a mobile phone for a child whose sole wish was to have a mobile phone. May the great work of the charity continue, and the Church is so humbled by helping in some small way.

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## Avid snapper wins competition with his levitating bird

**MEMBERS of Pyle and Porthcawl Photographic Society recently held their annual Dennis Lines Memorial Competition.**

Each member submitted four entries as either digital images or prints before judge Alan Stokes picked out his winners.

Geoff Baker won the competition with his excellent digital image 'Red Kite Levitating'.

Geoff is pictured right receiving his award.

A group spokesman said: "We're a very friendly camera club with a mix of male and female members and welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, it's all very informal.

"So if you have an interest in photography why not come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm at St Clare's School, Newton CF36 5NR."

The club's programme is available at [www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk](http://www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk).



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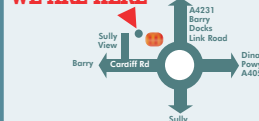
**FATHER David Lloyd** parish priest of St Illtyd's Church in Newcastle, Bridgend, invites all – whether a parishioner or not – to the Advent coffee morning and gift sale on November 30 from 9.30am until 12pm

This is a traditional start to Christmas, and it would be lovely to see you at the church for the start of Advent. There will be lots of gifts to buy, much of it handcrafted by some very talented people. For more information, call Fr David on 01656 655999 or visit Facebook @saintilltydbridgend.



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**Chamber music**

**The Caritas Consort is putting on a concert.**

It will feature music from Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and other great works - all for charity - in All Saints' Church, Barry on November 30 at 7.30pm.

**Community cinema**

**ON Saturday, November 30 Rhooose Community Cinema are screening the Beatles-inspired feel-good film, Yesterday.**

Doors open 6.45pm; show-time 7.15pm. All tickets £5, available on the door. Further information from Jo on 07986 907151.

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## Farmer's top award recognises his work in setting up dairy company



**THE Future Farmers of Wales Award was presented to Rhys Lougher of Ty Tanglwyst Farm, Pyle, by chairman Chris Hanks.**

The award was in recognition of his achievement in establishing Ty Tanglwyst Dairy and his work in supporting the club.

The FFW AGM was held at Ty Tanglwyst, home of the award winning milk, cream and butter supply business.

## Councillor suggests compromise in sports pitch fee row

**A BRIDGEND councillor has suggested sports clubs only take on sports pavilions under the community asset transfer (CAT) scheme promoted by the local authority, saying this alone would provide the necessary savings.**

The cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) backed the policy to hike charges for sports pitches and pavilions recently, saying if clubs and organisations took responsibility for facilities through the CAT process they would not have to pay the increased fees.

But Brackla ward councillor John Spanswick said the policy needed a lot more work.

He said: "The council wants to save £438,000 from transferring assets like sports pitches, pavilions and playgrounds over to organisations and reducing the number of times grass-cutting takes place.

"But when those savings are broken down, £69k relates to playgrounds, £69k relates to grass-cutting and £300k is for sports pitches and pavilions.

"Looking at the figures, the £300,000 amount is actually just spent on sports pavilions which means there's an option to just transfer the pavilions over and not have the massive increase in fees for sports pitches.

"If clubs want to take on pitches then that's fair enough but if they don't, the savings target would still be met and pitches could still be run by the council.

"What's got confusing is mixing up the £300,000 savings and the full cost recovery strategy – they're two separate issues and they're getting blurred."

Cllr Spanswick, who is chairman of a scrutiny committee that has previously looked at the CAT transfer policy, said if the proposed £305 per game figure was multiplied by the number of games played last year it would come to double the savings target.

He said: "I'm arguing that the charges should be related to what the saving is and not full cost recovery, which is a choice, as opposed to the £300,000 savings agreed by council when the budget was set.

"If it's just the saving the council is after, then we can save a lot

of pain and work and sports clubs could look at the easier option of taking on the sports pavilions rather than being lumbered with pitch fees if they don't want to take responsibility for them.

"I spent 40 years working in parks in Rhondda Cynon Taf as well as other authorities – I have offered my time to work on getting a good solution."

He said: "The first time the figures came out was in a September report and that's when we asked how they were calculated.

"I was shown a large spreadsheet for all the costs – I am now waiting to be sent them so I can analyse the data.

"The key question is whether this is just about a budget saving or full cost recovery – if it's the latter, then why is full cost recovery not being sought in other areas like arts, culture and leisure?"

At a cabinet meeting on November 13, where cabinet confirmed its policy, the cabinet member for communities, Cllr Richard Young, said he was aware of the suggestion put forward by Cllr Spanswick and would look at it.

**Liz Bradfield**  
Local democracy reporter

## Nearly 8,000 cases involving children reported to safeguarding hub in 12 months

**ALMOST 8,000 contacts or referrals about children were made to Bridgend's new multi-agency safeguarding hub in**

**one year.**

From April 2018 to March 2019, there were 7,945 contacts or referrals about children and 275 about adults. Speaking at a full BCBC meeting on November 20, council leader Huw David said the figures indicated the scale of the problem in the county, adding they were on a similar scale across Wales and the UK. The local authority recently marked National Safeguarding Week with a series of events.

Cllr David said: "To demonstrate how everybody can spot signs of abuse and help promote safeguarding, local schoolchildren took part by placing specially-painted pebbles in parks and public

areas across the county borough.

"The pebbles featured eye-catching pictures on one side and the hash tag 'safeguarding Wales' on the other, and members of the public were encouraged to seek them out and share photographs on social media.

"New Wales safeguarding procedures were launched to provide guidance for practitioners, and specific training sessions were held which highlighted the use of tools such as the 'Bright Sky' app, which is designed to provide support and information for anyone who may be directly experiencing or know someone who is suffering from domestic abuse, sexual abuse, stalking and

harassment."

He added: "Safeguarding is everyone's business, and we all have a role to play including members in helping to help keep others safe. It is vital for everyone to be more aware of different types of harm, abuse and neglect, and to understand how to recognise the signs and dangers of it in others.

"I'd like to thank everyone who took part and helped organise, especially the hard working professionals at Bridgend Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub who on a daily basis assess and respond to the serious concerns raised by members of the public and other professionals."

## Cash prize for young Bridgend brickie



**A BRIDGEND brickie has received a top prize from one of the country's leading housebuilders – and with it a £1,500 bonus.**

Bricklayer Deri Jones (18), was named 'Trade Apprentice of the Year' in Persimmon Homes' annual 'Young Achiever of the Year' awards.

The awards honour the best apprentices and trainees within Persimmon's nationwide workforce.

Deri picked up his gong – and the cash prize – from Persimmon CEO Dave Jenkinson at the

company's York HQ.

"It came as quite a shock," said Deri, who joined the company in September last year.

"I've really enjoyed the start of my career and this is the icing on the cake."

Deri turned his hand to bricklaying after the company's apprentice master visited Bridgend College.

His college recognised his ability and he was selected for the Skill Build competition and made it as far as the Welsh final.

He has since completed his Level 3 in Bricklaying.

Deri said: "I've been really

enjoying the job. I've not missed a day and it's been great learning all the different skills, particularly the decorative side of things.

"I plan to keep working hard and have plans for a future in management."

Martin Smith, managing director at Persimmon Homes East Wales, said: "I am thrilled for Deri. He is a very deserving winner.

"We work closely with local colleagues to ensure we can bring the best talent into the business, and this is an example of that paying off."

**Taylor Wimpey**

**Former St John's School, Newton**

Taylor Wimpey have recently acquired the former St John's School site and propose to re-develop the site to provide up to 75 high quality homes with landscaping and open space.

In order to keep local residents informed, and to give you the opportunity to comment on the draft scheme, Taylor Wimpey invite you to view the proposed development at a public exhibition.

Members of the design team will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have. Your comments will help shape our final design prior to the submission of a formal planning application to Bridgend Council.

The exhibition is being held between 4-7pm on Thursday 5th December 2019 at St John's Schoolroom, Newton, CF36 5PD (directly opposite St John's Church).

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# Fears expressed that democracy is eroding

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This will now not be reviewed again until the next administration;

the time period for the submission of questions and motions will remain at 10 working days.

Opposition group leaders will not be allowed to make announcements due to the risk they could become political statements.

Councillors will not be able to question cabinet members or the chief executive on their announcements made at full council.

The working group then made a series of further recommendations:

The council leader's report,

which is read out at full council, will now be called an announcement instead, while the current announcements made by cabinet members will be shortened.

The period of notice for a call-in after publication of a decision will be extended from three working days to five working days.

Any councillor who calls-in a decision will be excluded from the decision making at that committee, but will be invited to give evidence to the committee in support of the call-in request.

Cllr Voisey said there were times that councillors should be able to question cabinet members in the public domain, adding that by changing the title of the council leader's report into an announcement it would

take away the ability of councillors to question him. He said: "We have cabinet members who make announcements, sometimes they're political – this is a political chamber."

"I don't see why opposition members can't make statements, if they're political that's the whole point of democracy." He said evening meetings would encourage more people to become councillors and that two years down the line what was supposed to be a temporary measure due to a lack of resources was now being made permanent, in terms of the submission of questions and motions remaining at 10 working days rather than five.

He said as a result of the review, councillors were now

less able to stand up and raise their questions.

Cllr Ken Watts (Independent) said: "We are feeling frustrated that we are not able to voice our opinion in this chamber when, and as often, as we would like." Council leader Huw David said the role of councillors at full council was to make decisions, with opportunities for councillors sitting on scrutiny committees to ask questions.

In the end councillors agreed the proposals, with an amendment put forward by Conservative councillor Tom Giffard that will ensure any scrutiny committee which scrutinises a call-in decision will be politically-balanced.

## Youngsters scoop awards in savings competition



**GIFTED young artists and filmmakers used their creative talents to highlight the importance of saving regularly for a Credit Unions of Wales competition.**

The winners of the School Partner Competition were announced at the Senedd by Jane Hutt AM, Patron of Credit Unions of Wales. Pupils and teachers were treated to a VIP tour of the Senedd before trophies were presented to the winners who entered any three categories to design a poster or make a film celebrating their school saver club.

Jane Hutt AM said: "School Savings Schemes are a fun way to help children understand personal finance while also helping them develop their numeracy skills. This method of saving has a positive impact on young people by creating a good financial ethos for the future, while also allowing them to develop basic accounting, book-keeping, teamwork, record-keeping and organisational skills."

The visit coincided with the launch

of the Credit Union School Partner mark to be used by all schools who work in partnership with a credit union to promote savings. Winners included pupils of Corneli Primary School in Bridgend, who worked collaboratively to produce 'My School Saver Club' which was shown in the foyer of the Senedd during the visit. The film will be featured on the Credit Unions of Wales website, social media and shared with other credit unions and schools.

The second category invited entrants from two age groups to design a poster which will be reproduced and used to promote school saver schemes in Wales. The winner of the 4-7 year old category was Dylan Davies from year 3 of Penyfael Church in Wales Primary School, Bridgend.

Claire Savage of the Credit Unions of Wales said: "Having a savings account makes children understand the value of money and can encourage them to develop positive financial habits as they grow up."

To find out more visit creditunion-sofwales.co.uk/school-savers/.

## Community News from Llangan and Treoes with Nancy Davidge

### Llangan School

**THE Dads' Club have been busy in November fencing off and erecting gates around the polytunnel.**

Grateful thanks from everyone at the school to Mr Townend, Mr Davies, Mr Williams and all who gave up their time to carry out the work; also Mrs Stevens, who is always on hand. The school is lucky to have such supportive parents. They also supported the recent Children in Need, raising £133.

The children dressed up for the day and the school was full of princesses and superheroes.

The pupils have been busy designing and making Christmas decorations for St Canna's, Llangan. The school will deliver the decorations in a week's time and they will be on display.

On November 20, Mr Sinnett accompanied four year-6 pupils to St Bride's Primary School for a maths competition. Out of seven schools, Llangan came second! Well

done to Evan, Noah, Toula and Maya.

### Treoes village hall

**AT Treoes village hall, a Christmas tabletop sale will take place on Sunday, December 1, 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

There will be an abundance of interesting items to buy, and tea and coffee. Saron Chapel and the village hall will benefit from the proceeds.

On Sunday, December 8, a Christmas carol service will take place at Saron at 3pm; everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

**I am not a career politician! I started out helping to run the family business, and for the last 15 years I have worked in the Welsh National Health Service, providing services and support for people with long term health conditions.**

**I have served as an energetic Community Councillor, Chair of School Governors and support a local charity for Children with Special Needs and Autism.**

**I am proud to have been selected to stand as the parliamentary candidate for the Brexit Party here in the Ogmere Constituency, where I lived and worked for many years and want to ensure the people of this constituency are properly represented at all levels of government.**

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## Festive celebrations for medical centre's first Christmas in town

**FOR their first Christmas, staff at Porthcawl Medical Centre are arranging a series of community events – with the practice's Christmas tree as the centrepiece.**

Practice manager Nicola Willis told The GEM: "The practice has bought a 20ft Christmas tree and we have invited schools in Porthcawl to take part in a competition to design decorations for it.

"We are grateful to Rhys of John Davey Builders Merchants, Bridgend, for collecting and delivering the tree.

"Also, some of the schools will be coming along during the first week of December to sing carols round around our Christmas tree and they will also be collecting money for their chosen charity.

"Members of the public will be welcome at all the events."

On Monday, December 2, at 1pm, Nottage Primary school choir will be singing.

On Tuesday December 3, at 1.45pm, West Park Primary will be singing.

On Thursday, December 5, at 1.30pm, Newton Primary School will be singing.

Nicola continued: "Then, on Friday, December 13, at 2pm, the Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Graham Walter, will be presenting the prizes to the competition winners, and for this event we have been lucky to have Porthcawl Male Voice Choir agree to come along and sing for us.

"We are grateful as well to Tina, Julian and Alison at Guttridge's who are kindly donating a tree for the first floor surgery area."

## Celebrate Christmas with Cor Bro Ogwr in Porthcawl concert!

**COR Bro Ogwr will be performing a musical celebration of Christmas on Saturday, December 14 in Porthcawl.**

The programme of seasonal music will include Saint-Saëns' dramatic *Christmas Oratorio* and Vaughn Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*.

There will be carols new and old, including 'The Shepherd's Farewell' by Berlioz and 'O Holy Night', and also carols for audience participation.

The Palenna String Quartet, led by Paul Lewis, will accompany the choir, with soloists Kate Reynolds (soprano), Olivia Gomez (mezzo soprano), Jack Parry (tenor)

and William Stevens (baritone).

Angharad Edwards will play the harp, and Glen Crooks, the choir's accompanist, will be playing organ.

This will be the first concert under Cor Bro Ogwr's new conductor, Ben Pinnow. Ben is an accompanist and music educator as well as a choral conductor. Originally from Dorset, he completed his Masters in choral conducting at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and also sings with the BBC National Chorus of Wales.

The concert is at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl, at 7pm. For tickets, telephone 01656 653326, or go to [www.cor-bro-ogwr.com](http://www.cor-bro-ogwr.com) **JF**

# Apprentice scoops prestigious industry gong

**AN apprentice from Sony UK Technology Centre in Pencoed has been recognised as one of the best in the country at the 2019 Make UK Manufacturing Awards.**

Max Rochefort-Shugar, 22, won the Rising Star Award at the Wales-wide awards ceremony in Cardiff on November 6.

Max is the first candidate to take part in the company's recently established Software and Electronic Apprenticeship. Alongside his apprenticeship, he is due to begin his second year of a part-time Applied Software Engineering degree at Swansea University this month.

The Engineering Apprentice of the Year: Rising Star Award recognises those who have made significant effort to seize the training and development opportunities presented to them.

Within the first six months of beginning his apprenticeship Max was tasked with writing a tool for modelling the Pencoed factory.

This tool is still in use today by engineers at Sony UK TEC and is still under development.

Max has also written a software execution system which is currently being used on the Sony third-party business, Raspberry Pi, to manufacture, test and configure all Raspberry Pi models before they are packed and sold to customers. Karl Bibey, principal engineer at Sony UK TEC and Max's mentor, said: "Max has made an outstanding contribution to the department over the last few years. Every new module that he studies in college results in a host of suggestions about how that particular technology could be applied to real world problems that the company faces.

"As a third-year apprentice, the help and assistance that he voluntarily gives less experienced members of the team has also been noted and greatly appreciated. We had been developing the idea of introducing a software apprenticeship to complement our existing electrical and mechanical offerings. In a way, Max has been a tester for the whole programme and has exceeded all of our expectations.

"We are absolutely thrilled for Max to win this award. It is thoroughly well deserved. He has a bright future in



**ABOVE: Gerald Kelly (left) with Max Rochefort-Shugar at the awards ceremony in Cardiff.**

the industry."

Max, reflecting on his achievements, said: "Winning this award can be attributed to the hard work of senior engineers at Sony UK TEC who have mentored me throughout my apprenticeship. I look forward to continuing my development as a software and electronic engineer at Sony UK TEC."

Stephen Phipson CBE, chief

executive of Make UK said: "Max undoubtedly deserves this award. Manufacturing is essential to British economic success and apprentices have a vital role to play in securing the future of our sector. It's great to see Max's efforts being recognised and I wish him the best of luck at the national finals."

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## Review of The Gondoliers at Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, by Godfrey Evans

**COMMUNITY arts appear in many guises, from large scale events spread over days to tiny church hall performances or exhibitions.**

Many events achieve the engagement of local people in commitments of time and depth of support that

enrich and give life to communities across the country. Few offer the sustained impact, continuity and joy that Mid Glamorgan Savoyards have achieved over the 25 years of their work for Porthcawl.

This year's charity performance was Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*. Drawing, as always, on experienced

amateurs and semi-professionals as performers and production staff the performance, once more, found a balanced register combining gentle satire and lyricism. Gilbert and Sullivan, as a genre, can be a challenge to perform – clear narrative, flexible music skills and a willingness not to take oneself too seriously – are all part of the

performance recipe. The warmth of the audience response was proof that the Savoyards had got the mix right.

Like some Venetian dessert *The Gondoliers* was a light, frothy, subtly flavoured theatrical tiramisu. Just right for a winter's evening.

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## Mayor takes a trip to Rockwool

**MAYOR of Bridgend County Borough, Stuart Baldwin, viewed Rockwool's high tech production process when he toured the company's Bridgend factory last week.**

Stuart Baldwin was accompanied by Mary Pope from Bridgend Council's economic development team, in a tour that was hot on the heels of Rockwool's win at the Bridgend Business Awards in September where it scooped the overall 'Bridgend Business of the Year' and 'Manufacturing Business of the Year' awards.

As well as business excellence, the two awards celebrate Rockwool's active participation in the community in which it is deeply invested.

The area is not only home to most of its employees, who number almost 500, but also to the Rockwool Woodland for Learning Trust - a free

community space for local groups and schools to use for educational activities.

As part of its community work, the company also supports community buildings through a local product donation programme, and through its Charity of the Year programme raises vital funds for Ty Hafan.

UK managing director Darryl Matthews said: "Rockwool is a proud member of the Bridgend community and yesterday's visit by Mayor Baldwin is not only a real privilege, but a strong reminder of the incredible place that we are proud to call home.

"Yesterday marks the Mayor's first visit to our base in Bridgend and we look forward to welcoming him, as well as updating him on our recent achievements."



# Thousands flock to Cowbridge for annual Reindeer Parade

**ORGANISERS of Cowbridge's popular Reindeer Parade have thanked everyone who made this year's event happen.**

Hordes of people filled up the town centre on Sunday afternoon as the parade, live music and dancers got underway.

Alun John, a spokesman for the town's chamber of trade which puts on the spectacle, said: "So many people to say thank you to after another fantastic Reindeer Parade and lights switch-on so here it goes.

"Cowbridge Community Group, Taylor Wimpey, Churchill Homes, Penllwyne Estate, Cowbridge Compost, Robert Lloyd Opticians, NFU insurance, Specsavers and all the members of the Chamber of Trade who between them funded the events."

He added: "Also the Lions and Rotary Clubs, 4x4 responders and the elves for stewarding and obviously South Wales Police, as without their help we couldn't put the event on.

"Thanks must also go to Cowbridge Town Council for the use of the town hall and the Vale Council for organising road closures.

"Thank you to all those who performed on stage and took part in the parade and Baz and Glenda along with Ashdown Construction and Cross Farm Nursery for their help with the Grotto.

"Thanks to Kate Williams for sorting out the lights and obviously Ruth Wignall for her part in the parade and switching on the Lights. As always a massive thank you to Santa for flying in from Lapland.

"And last but not least the legend that is Holly Joyce for organising everything on and around the stage and hosting the day.

"Lastly a big thank you to all the people who came to Cowbridge to kick off the festive season in style."

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# Brand new Aston Martin is unveiled

THE first Aston Martin model stamped with the 'Made in Wales' marque was officially unveiled to the world's motoring press at a global launch in Beijing last week.

The Aston Martin DBX is the iconic car manufacturer's first luxury SUV model and carries a price tag of around £160,000 (US\$189,900).

It is the first vehicle to be manufactured in Wales in almost 50 years.

In 2016, Aston Martin announced it had selected St Athan for its second manufacturing facility as part of a £200M investment in new products and facilities. The new manufacturing centre was secured with support from Welsh Government against fierce competition from more than 20 other potential locations worldwide.

The day before the Beijing event, there was a private unveiling at the company's St Athan site, attended by Economy Minister Ken Skates.

The Minister said: "Seeing the company deliver its first vehicle out of Wales is a very proud moment for Aston Martin and for Wales.

"Aston Martin's decision to locate its new manufacturing facility in St Athan has been a huge vote of confidence in the Welsh Government's can-do attitude and is a genuine testament to the reputation, dedication and skills of our work force in Wales.

"I am absolutely delighted that Aston Martin has taken the decision to make Wales its



**ABOVE: Ken Skates AM with the brand new Aston Martin DBX last week, at an event timed to coincide with the car's official launch in China.**

centre for electric vehicles and that the first DBXs will be coming off the St Athan production line next year.

Russell George AM, the Shadow Minister for Business, Economy, and Infrastructure, also welcomed the launch, saying: "Along with the recent announcement that Ineos will build the Grenadier 4x4 in Bridgend, and TVR production hopefully soon to start in Ebbw Vale, it shows that industry – made up of premier brands and at the leading edge of technology – is alive and well in Wales.

"AML is not only building what will

certainly be a class-leading vehicle here, but is also creating a high-skilled, well-paid workforce, which will bring its own benefits to St Athan, the Vale, and further afield through the supply chain."

The luxury car brand has previously announced that its new manufacturing facility at St Athan will become the brand's centre for electrification and the home of the Lagonda brand, the world's first zero-emission luxury marque.

The St Athan site, which will employ up to 1,000 workers, will be officially opened next month.

## Group 617 – members' acts of Remembrance in Penarth

**M E M B E R S** members of the 617 of Group 617 – Group laid wreaths. formed to honour The evening in the Dambusters Penarth was marked by of 617 Squadron, a tribute presentation by the chairman of the Remembrance Group 617, honouring the Dambusters period. of 617 squadron.

Group spokesman Harold Ford said: "Some will shed a tear as the sound of a lone bugler plays the Last Post. They remember those comrades in arms and who fell in battle, now buried in a foreign land, never to return to their homeland."

In Porthcawl, the veterans held services over three days. On Saturday at Stormy Down, Sunday in the town centre, and a two minute silence on Monday at the bandstand. anecdotes, bringing

In Penarth, following the traditional parade to the cenotaph, from the audience."

## Llantwit Major church celebrates its 200th anniversary



*The Bethel Baptist Church in Llantwit Major has been extensively decorated both inside and out.*



**BETHEL Baptist Church, in Durell Street, Llantwit Major, is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year, and has been repainted and given a 'makeover' so that it can continue and develop its community activities.**

The church is celebrating this weekend with a hog roast on Saturday (provided by Farmers Pantry) at 4.30pm followed by a concert in the church, and a special celebration service at 10.30am on Sunday, December 1.

A church spokeswoman looked back on the history of Bethel Baptist.

"In the winter of 1819, a small group of Baptists began to meet together weekly in Llantwit Major. In those early days, Bethel Baptist Church, was very much like that of the early church found in the New Testament.

"They had no fixed meeting place and simply met in homes. They came to embody the true definition of church, which is the gathering of followers of Jesus. As they simply lived out their faith in the community, the gathering grew and by 1830, they were able to build what we today call Bethel Baptist Church.

"It's been 200 years since that first little group began and today Bethel Baptist is still as vibrant and lively as it always has been.

"The Church congregation continue to live out the purpose of reaching and meeting those in the community with the love of Jesus as expressed in the Bible."

Phil Hibbert, who has been minister of the church since 2011, describes the church as follows: "Bethel is a happy and relaxed community of people who meet together to share the joys and struggles of life. As followers of Jesus, we realise just how much we all need support and acceptance. If you are looking for a place to belong then Bethel might just be for you.

"Bethel is in the heart of Llantwit Major. We have groups for children and young people. We run a lunch club and afternoon tea for seniors. Alongside the other churches in Llantwit, we run the local Foodbank, which uses the building.

"The Dementia Cafe is run from the church hall in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Society. We have a friendly parent and toddler group and to this day we still continue to meet in home for prayer and Bible study.

"As a part of the 200th anniversary celebrations, the chapel has recently undergone a major redecoration, making it ready for 21st Century life. Services on Sunday are like a family get together. There is laughter and fun. There are sometimes tears. There is always good discussion.

"Life can sometimes be very challenging, whether you are young or old and it helps to have support and a place to belong. This is what church is about for those that attend Bethel. This is what church has been about for all two hundred years of Bethel's existence.

"Jesus once said, 'Come to me all of you who are tired. You are

like people who have worked for a long time. You are like people who have carried heavy things. Come to me. If you do that, you will find a place to rest. Do what I teach you to do. Listen to my message and learn from me what is true. I am very kind and I do not make myself important. I will help you. Then you will have peace in your mind. I will not tell you to do things that are too difficult. I will not tell you to carry anything that is too heavy for you.' Matthew 11:28-30

"At its heart this is the invitation that Bethel Baptist Church offers all who visit."

Individual members of the church also show their commitment to the community by serving as volunteers in organisations such as school governing bodies, on local groups of the town council and in groups seeking to bring help to those in need.

The Church has had a long commitment to justice beyond Llantwit Major; for instance in 1833 members of the Church wrote to the Government in support of the abolition of the slave trade. This wider concern for those beyond Llantwit Major continues today as the Church supports key organisations within the Baptist family such as the training of ministers at the Baptist College in Cardiff, missionary activities through BMS World Mission, development work amongst some of the poorest people in the world, and emergency relief in disasters."



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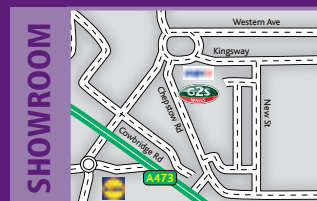


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# Do your bit to help protect otters

**IN order to help the otter population in Wales survive and flourish, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is asking people to spot and report dead otters as part of a UK-wide project.**

The Cardiff University Otter Project was set up in 1992 to autopsy dead otters, to map their genetic diversity, age and distribution across the UK, and to monitor pollution in rivers and streams.

Information on otters is difficult to gather due to their elusive nature, however in order to support the species scientists need to build a picture of the health and spread of the native otter population.

People are asked to report sightings of dead otters to NRW by calling 03000 65 3000.

NRW will then collect the body and deliver it to the Otter Project for analysis.

Hannah Mitchell, conservation officer said: "If you spot a dead otter, take a photo and report it to NRW, giving us as much detail as possible about its location, then the better chance we have of finding and collecting it.

"When the university does an autopsy they look at a variety of things including weight and length; sex, age, reproductive status; teeth - wear, breakages, or signs of infection;

abnormalities of abdominal and other organs. Your effort will help us to gather valuable information about this secretive species, which in turn will help our efforts to ensure their ongoing revival."

A dead otter was found in Bute Park, Cardiff, in October and has undergone an autopsy.

Dr Eleanor Kean, research associate at the Cardiff University Otter Project said: "We have known for several years now that otters are using the river Taff in central Cardiff. It seems as though this otter left the main river and used a canal that then goes underground. Otters tend not to like going underground.

"It is likely this otter was unfamiliar with the area and left the water at this stage, trying to find where the water continues, rather than turning round to go back to the main river. Unfortunately, it died on the road.

"For many years now, as otter populations are recovering, we are getting more and more reports of urban otters. However, in the 27-year history of the Cardiff University Otter Project, this is the closest otter carcass to have been found near to us in Cardiff.

"Our data collected with NRW is used to inform where road mitigation is needed in order to prevent otter road traffic casualties; but this is the first in the city centre."

# Ysbrydoli! Inspire!

**GWOBR Dechrau Arni – Dysgwyr Cymraeg 2019/Starting Out – Welsh Beginner Award 2019, was won this year by Rhiannon Norfolk of Sully.**

She said: "Coming to Welsh classes has made a great difference to my mental health. I'm proof that it's not too late to pick things up again. The time is now! Taking that first jump is the hardest part. The rewards of adult learning are absolutely worth it."

Having the opportunity to learn Welsh again was a key factor in Rhiannon Norfolk's decision to move back to Wales. When she saw a job advertised in her field of health service evaluation, she applied, got the job and moved to Wales. 18 months later, she completed a fast-track foundation-level Welsh course at Penarth Learning Community, won an award for her inspiring attitude to learning, and is almost fluent. She loves attending any activity in Welsh with Learn Welsh the Vale.

"I felt really nervous going along but I was assured that I could build on the language skills I already had, despite them being rusty," she said.

"I worried I'd be so far behind everyone else with my very basic Welsh and that I hadn't learned for 13 years, but it was brilliant. Everyone was so welcoming and it's amazing how much you remember. Learning Welsh has been a complete joy for me, I finally feel like I'm home. Learning gives me structure and a place to make friends. It's helped me to keep my brain active and given me a sense of purpose and achievement. Giving up on Welsh was always a regret and I wanted to sort that out, and I feel so fulfilled now that I have."

Lead tutor Suzanne Condon nominated Rhiannon. She said: "It is clear that other



learners in class love to practice with her, choice to continue to learn quickly for she's brilliant at encouraging them to say one week a month, or join another class to as much as they can. She's a learner on a mission and she inspires others.

"At Learn Welsh the Vale we enjoy welcoming all of our learners and helping them to learn Welsh at their pace. Our new Super Fast Track beginners' course is an opportunity to learn quickly for adults who can come for two weeks before Christmas. In the new year the learners will have the

choice to continue to learn quickly for one week a month, or join another class to attend every week. This course is perfect for people who work away at times or are retired and travel often. Maybe a work place would release staff in order to upskill their team. "Like, Rhiannon we welcome people to come and try again and recover the skills learned in the past. You might be surprised how much you already know."

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# 15,000 pieces of litter cleared from Welsh beaches as part of major clean-up operation

**THE Marine Conservation Society (MCS) has released the results of its most recent Great British Beach Clean, a UK-wide weekend of coastal cleaning which has been running for 26 years.**

Volunteers at the Great British Beach Clean not only clear the beaches of litter, but become 'citizen scientists' and record what they find, providing valuable data on what's polluting our beaches.

This year, 30 beach cleans and litter surveys took place across Wales, with over 700 local volunteers getting involved to remove more than 15,000 litter items from Welsh beaches.

MCS' 26 years of data has shown a concerning upward trend of glass bottles on the UK coastline.

In 1994, when the first Great British Beach Clean took place, an average of two glass bottles were found per 100m of Welsh beach: in 2019

that figure has grown to an average of eight glass bottles per 100m – a staggering 412% increase!

This data illustrates the urgent need for the implementation of a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) which would include not just plastic bottles, but also glass bottles and cans.

Gill Bell, head of Conservation Wales said: "Last year's consultation on a DRS for England, Wales and Northern Ireland received an overwhelmingly positive response, with 208,000 responses in favour. Disappointingly, progress has stalled, with UK Government calling for further consultations and evidence."

"This year's Great British Beach Clean data really speaks for itself, showing how important an all-inclusive DRS is to reduce the volume of drink containers we're seeing."

"We urge the Welsh Government to join the 40 countries worldwide with effective DRS in place and implement an all-inclusive Deposit

Return Scheme as soon as possible."

Per 100m of Welsh beach, 474.9 litter items were found in 2019.

While plastic pieces remain the most prevalent form of beach litter, there are many items becoming increasingly common on Welsh beaches.

For example, in 1994, there were no wet wipes recorded on Welsh beaches, whereas in 2019, an average of eight wet wipes per 100m of beach were recorded.

With effective policy and support from business, the tide of litter which blights Welsh beaches can be stemmed.

Following the implementation of the 5p carrier bag charge, there has been a 13% decrease in the number of plastic bags on Welsh beaches since all countries introduced the charge in 2015, which is a fantastic example of policy at work.

**The five most common items per 100m of Welsh beach:**

1. Plastic/polystyrene pieces (0-50cm) – 162.4



per 100m.

2. Plastic/polystyrene fishing net (small) – 40.9 per 100m.

3. Cigarette stubs – 32.6 per 100m.

4. Plastic/polystyrene fishing line – 27.3 per 100m.

5. Packaging (crisps, sweets, lollies and sandwiches) – 20.9 per 100m.

For the purposes of the Great British Beach Clean, data analysis for the UK is divided into England (including the Isle of Man), Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands.

This year, England had the highest litter density; Wales had the third highest litter density, but lower than the UK average.

Lizzie Prior, Beachwatch officer said: "Great British Beach Clean data over the last 26 years has been instrumental in pushing for policies

and initiatives which have made a real change to the marine environment. We hope that this year's data, when compared with the state of the UK's beaches 26 years ago, will encourage even more people to get involved in our year round Beachwatch programme to help us gather important data and keep the UK's beaches beautiful for generations to come."

Thanks to the support of players of People's Postcode Lottery, the Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch programme can conduct beach cleans year-round, gathering data which supports the charity's campaigning to stop marine pollution at source.

For more information on the Great British Beach Clean and its 26 years of data, and to find beach cleans happening near you, please visit [www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch](http://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch).

## Bilingual book about Welsh murals released

**Y LOLFA press have released a new bilingual book capturing the phenomenon of the Cofiwch Dryweryn murals.**

The original Cofiwch Dryweryn mural in Llanrhystud, Ceredigion was painted by Welsh musician and author Meic Stephens and was his way of expressing his anger about the 'drowning' of the village of Capel Celyn in the 1960s to provide a water supply for the people of Liverpool.

Inspired by the damage inflicted upon the original wall in Llanrhystud earlier this year, *Cofiwch Dryweryn: Cymru'n Deffro – Wales Awakening* was written by author and actress Mari Emlyn from Y Felinheli.

"We are indebted to

the young people who went and rebuilt and then repainted the wall in Llanrhystud.

"Perhaps the vandals did us a favour, as a mass patriotic awakening has snowballed as a result of their heinous act."

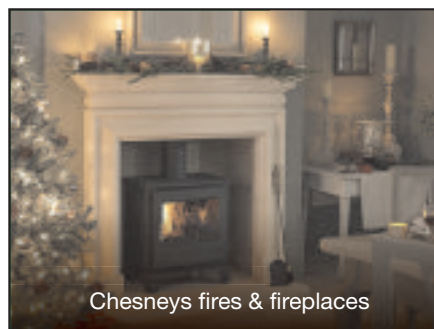
"Even when some of these new murals have been defaced, the Welsh people have returned quietly, and with dignity, to repaint their tributes."

The book includes 32 images of walls across Wales, including Cardiff, Clydach and Bridgend. Alongside the images

readers are reminded of the tragedy of the 'drowning' of Capel Celyn's school, homes and community through the words of three residents living there during the tragic time.

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## Doctor honoured at awards for 'significant' contribution to care



**SOUTH** Wales-based GP, **Dr Hasmukh Shah**, has been honoured with the **Membership Under Ordinance Award by RCGP Wales** at this year's **Gala Awards held in Cardiff** recently.

The honour from RCGP, the professional body that represents 2,000 General Practitioners across Wales, recognises doctors who have made a significant contribution to Primary Care.

Dr Shah was congratulated by the President of the Royal College of General Practitioners UK, Professor Mayur Lakhani CBE, the Health Minister of Wales, Vaughan Gething AM and his fellow GPs for receiving this honour.

In June 2018, Dr Shah received the British Empire Medal from the Queen on her Birthday Honour's List.

He is also the Secretary of the British Association of Physicians of

Indian Doctors in Wales.

In September 2018, Dr Shah was also presented with an NHS 70 badge for his longstanding service to the NHS at 10 Downing Street by then Prime Minister, Theresa May.

Dr Shah was also awarded the Visiting Fellowship by the University of South Wales in 2017 which was in recognition of his long standing contributions to the medical profession, medical education and charitable work to the people of Wales.

He is a trustee for Vale for Africa Charity and drummed up thousands of pounds by arranging fundraising events to support partnership projects such as EyeCare – a scheme where teams from Wales have been visiting Toronto to train and treat thousands of people over the last five years.

In addition, he has raised funds for motorcycle ambulances, a resource centre/library and student scholarship at Atlantic College and piped water for primary schools in a rural community.

## Golden oldies at Dogs Trust total 300 in human years



ABOVE: Luna and Casey.



ABOVE: Blossom.

**DOGS** Trust Bridgend is currently home to a number of **Old Age Dogs (OADs)** looking for cosy homes in time for winter: they total an astonishing 301 in equivalent human years.

Blossom is a 13-year-old Miniature Schnauzer; a sweet but sensitive girl who is looking for a quiet home. She is partially sighted so is looking for calm and patient owners who can allow her to settle at her own pace. She is happier in the company of dogs and must live with another dog already in the home; she could live with children 14 years and older.

Dylan the 12-year-old Jack Russell Terrier came into the centre after his owner

became ill. He's a sweet natured dog who is still active for his age, enjoys his walks and loves to chase a ball. He will need a home without dogs and could live with children over 14.

Doggie sisters Luna and Casey are nine-year-old West Highland Terriers. They arrived at the rehoming centre after a change in their owner's circumstances. They have limited eyesight so will need a quiet home, sweet friendly girls who enjoy a fuss.

Angela Wetherall of Dogs Trust said: "Rehoming an older dog is so rewarding and has many advantages. They all still have such a spring in their step and have so much love to give. They have fully formed personalities for you to get to know,

and generally are calmer dogs who need slightly less exercise but still like to learn. It's a shame when older ages work against our dogs as they really make fantastic additions to the home."

Taking on a dog of any age is a hugely rewarding experience, but as on average Dogs Trust receive one call every six minutes from people wanting to give up their dog, the charity is encouraging people to do their research to make sure they are ready for the long-term commitment that comes with dog ownership. For more information on dog ownership visit [www.dogstrust.org.uk/adogisforlife](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/adogisforlife). If you think you'd be able to provide the perfect retirement home for one of these dogs please contact the rehoming centre on 01656 338745.



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# Cardiff Airport welcomes disabled pilots



Left to right: Pilot Neil Tucker, Spencer Birns from Cardiff Airport and Mike Owen from Aerobility.

CARDIFF Airport has entered into a new partnership with Aerobility, the UK's disabled flying charity that provides a range of life-changing flying activities lessons for disabled people; training for disabled pilots to gain qualifications, as well as flying days for disabled aviators.

The partnership means that any pilots flying with the Aerobility scheme will be welcome to depart and land at Cardiff Airport with zero fees, and ground handling support is on hand for pilots and their aircraft.

Access to the airfield also gives pilots the opportunity to experience longer trips from Aerobility's base at Blackbushe Airport and enjoy the Welsh landscape while gaining more flying hours. Through the support of the team at Aeros Limited, Cardiff's flight training academy, Aerobility fliers will be welcomed into their pilot's lounge when they land at Cardiff Airport.

Pilot Neil Tucker, originally from Port Talbot, flew into Cardiff recently with Aerobility's chief flying instructor and co-pilot Mike Owen, on board a specially adapted Piper Warrior – it was Neil's

first time back at Cardiff Airport since he first began training back in 1985.

Mike Owen said: "Cardiff is unique to us, it will mean our students can gain experience of flying in and out of an international airport, with complex approaches and controlled airspace. Once they realise how helpful the whole team are at Cardiff, and how well executed it is, it will be a real confidence booster."

Pilot Neil Tucker said: "As expected, a true 'Welcome in the Vales' – to be back at the spot where it all started for me almost 35 years ago was wonderful."

Spencer Birns, chief commercial officer at Cardiff Airport added: "It's a joy to welcome Neil and Mike, who represent a charity that provides such wonderful experiences and memories for people with disabilities or, in some cases, are terminally ill. We're delighted to offer a complimentary service to pilots seeking to gain more experience and enjoy the lovely views over Wales. We hope to be able to arrange more activities with the charity in the future and look forward to extending a warm, Welsh welcome to pilots as they arrive into Cardiff from Aerobility's locations across the UK."

## NFU welcomes supermarket's Welsh and UK lamb commitment

NFU Cymru has welcomed the announcement that Waitrose & Partners plans to source all of its own label fresh and frozen lamb from Welsh and British lamb producers 365 days a year from June 2021.

NFU Cymru Livestock Board Chairman Wyn Evans said: "We thoroughly welcome Waitrose's commitment to stock 100% Welsh and British lamb from 2021. This comes at a time of great

uncertainty for the sheep sector, so today's news that Waitrose will be moving to a year-round supply of Farm Assured quality Welsh and British lamb is a welcome boost.

"This is a really positive move from one of the major buyers of lamb in the UK which highlights that there is a strong appetite among consumers for Welsh and British lamb products. We look forward to working in partnership with Waitrose to help further grow sales of great tasting Welsh lamb."

## Council signs updated Affordable Housing Partnership Guide

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council and its developing partners recently met to sign an updated version of the Affordable Housing Partnership Guide.

Representatives from the council's Housing Department, Hafod Housing, Newydd, United Welsh, Wales and West Housing all met to sign the new agreement.

The guide represents a statement of commitment between the partners, setting out how affordable housing will continue to be planned and developed in the Vale. Through its Local Housing Strategy, the council will work as the strategic lead and enabler for ensuring a well-functioning housing

market, continuing its work to meet the demand for housing in the area.

Mike Ingram, head of Housing and Building Services said: "We have seen development flourish in the Vale of Glamorgan, with hundreds of new homes being delivered for social rent and many more made available through the Aspire2Own shared equity scheme.

"We are honoured to have played our part in delivering these high-quality homes for people across the Vale. The Waterfront is a shining example of the regeneration work that will help give Barry a brighter future, attracting businesses and jobs."

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# CADOXTON & CARDIFF ROAD CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

## Cadoxton – an area where independent businesses can thrive!

**THERE** was a time when Cadoxton was totally separate from Barry – a village in its own right and the area and its local traders retain that independent feel.

Probably as a result, Cardiff Road, Cadoxton and Palmerston in Barry have always attracted lots of independent, family businesses with local people committed to providing the very best service to the public.

People want help on their doorstep and that's what they provide.

Family businesses on Barry Road, Church Road, Main Street and Vere Street have lasted for decades.

People love an established business with a familiar, friendly face.

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On these pages, you will find different businesses offering very different services, but all united in a determination to do their own thing and offer something special to their customers.

It's what makes the Cadoxton area special.

## Traditional barber skills available at the Star Wars Barber!

**RIGHT:** Steve's Barbers has become something of a fixture in Vere Street, Cadoxton, and he has become well-known for his collection of models from TV shows and films, including his Star Wars figures (pictured).



IN Vere Street in Cadoxton, Steve's Barbers is a fixture, as Steve has been cutting hair for 20 years.

In recent years, opening a 'retro' barbers has become quite trendy, but Steve has happily been 'retro' since he opened.

Business is good, as it has been for his time in Vere Street. He clearly knows how to keep his customers happy.

Steve's Barbers is retro in another way,

too, as it is pretty much full of 1970s and 1980s models, from films and TV of that era – with a heavy emphasis on Star Wars – hence the nickname, the Star Wars Barber! His collection is a subject of fascination for younger customers (and older ones too!).

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Allan opened the Vere Street premises in 2000, and now his daughter Alicia and son-in-law Stephen look after the day-to-day running of the business.

The family connection doesn't end there, as Alicia's younger sister Naomi also works in the business.

You won't find any fried fish keeping warm in the cabinet, because at Allan's they cook the fish when it is ordered for maximum freshness.

There is a sit down facility if you can't wait until you get home, and the business runs regular special offers on a range of meals.

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Chris Harrison, the new owner of The Laundry Rooms and her experienced and forward thinking staff, understand the importance and demands of the new

generation of environmentally conscious consumers.

They point out that this is a significant step into the future and the major investment they have made in the new technology, staff training and promotion of the system will satisfy these new demands.

Staff and customers alike have been amazed at the results.

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## Caddy's Cwtch – a great new place to eat in Cadoxton

A great new place to enjoy good quality food in Cadoxton is Caddy's Cwtch (pictured right) in Vere Street.

Their day starts at 8am, with breakfast served, as well as a range of baguettes, burgers, paninis and sandwiches. At lunchtime, they offer a range of home-cooked meals, including curry and lasagne, all available to eat in or take away.

And don't forget that Caddy's Cwtch is a great place to go for Sunday lunch. You can eat in or take it away, and Sunday lunch service starts at 12 noon. There's a warm welcome at Caddy's Cwtch!



## Welcome to the Ultimate Barber

A VERY well-established business on Vere Street is 'Ultimate Barber' – run by Donna Atwell. week and have a late night on Fridays till 7pm.

Donna told The GEM: "I've been on Vere Street for 19 years and have an amazing clientele.

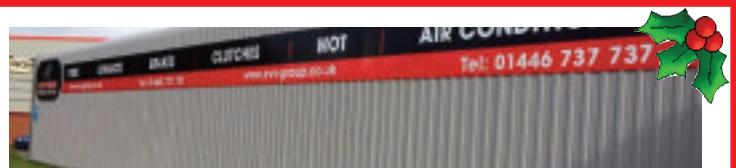
"We have recently added an appointment service so people can book a slot and have no waiting. We are open six days a

"We are, however, still a walk in barber shop for those who don't want to book. We offer all types of cuts from short back and sides to fades.

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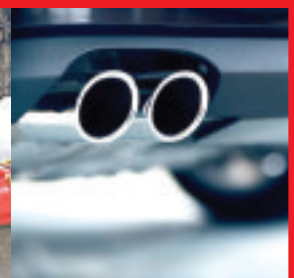
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# An intriguing whodunnit – and a modern take on Charlie and his Angels

## DAMON Smith reviews the latest film releases.

This week: An eccentric private detective (Daniel Craig) investigates the suspicious death of a famous novelist (Christopher Plummer) in the tongue-in-cheek whodunit *Knives Out*... and Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott and Ella Balinska restore girl power to the action-packed revamp of *Charlie's Angels*.

### FILM OF THE WEEK

**Knives Out** (12A, 130 mins) Thriller/Drama/Comedy/Romance. Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis, Toni Collette, Don Johnson, Michael Shannon, Lakeith Stanfield, Jaeden Martell, Christopher Plummer, Katherine Langford, Riki Lindhome, Noah Segan, K Callan. Director: Rian Johnson.

Released: November 27 (UK & Ireland)

After the creative misstep of *Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi*, writer-director Rian Johnson returns to the detective genre, which served him well for his award-winning 2005 debut feature *Brick*, to pay loving tribute to Agatha Christie with a tongue-in-cheek country house whodunit.

*Knives Out* assembles a starry cast of prime suspects including Chris Evans, Jamie Lee Curtis, Toni Collette and Michael Shannon and cleverly conceals the murderer's identity until a classic final act revelation.

Johnson's script lovingly embraces the tropes of a murder mystery while fishing for red herrings, assembling the accused in a wood-paneled drawing room for a private detective's pithy summation, replete with overlapping flashbacks.

Curiously, the film's weakest link is the brilliant mind in charge of the case: a dashing tailored sleuth played by Daniel Craig with a hammy accent fried in the same Deep South swamp as Steven Soderbergh's 2017 caper *Lucky Logan*, in which Craig played a heavily tattooed convict.

It's a self-consciously showy turn a la Hercule Poirot without the Belgian's psychological and emotional complexity. Supporting performances are more

convincing, including Collette's droll lifestyle doyenne and Ana de Armas's nurse, who is the only member of the household to shed tears when her master shifts his mortal coil in suspicious circumstances.

Wealthy crime novelist Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) presides over a motley crew of dysfunctional relatives, who have their beady eyes on his vast fortune.

These self-serving loved ones include his daughter Linda (Curtis) and her husband Richard (Don Johnson), son Walter (Shannon) and his wife Donna (Riki Lindhome), widowed daughter-in-law Joni (Collette) and the three grandchildren: Ransom (Evans), Megan (Katherine Langford) and Jacob (Jaeden Martell).

The cantankerous old coot invites his kin to an 85th birthday party at his large mansion but festivities are cut short by arguments and recriminations.

Later that same night, after doting carer Marta Cabrera (de Armas) has given Harlan his medication, the novelist apparently commits suicide by slitting his throat with a ceremonial dagger.

Detective Lieutenant Elliott (Lakeith Stanfield) and Trooper Wagner (Noah Segan) attend the scene to deduce the chain of events leading to the homeowner's grim demise.

Quixotic private detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) hovers in the background, closely observing family members including Great Nana (K Callan).

"I would like to request that you all stay until the investigation is completed," purrs the detective as he gathers evidence to paint a very different picture of Harlan's final moments.

*Knives Out* enjoys pulling the rug from under us as characters' ulterior motives are exposed with flashes of directorial brio.

Pieces of an elaborate puzzle slot satisfyingly into place as the ensemble cast have fun with their colourful roles, concealing deviousness and greed behind angelic smiles.

Many suspects fall from grace with a thud but Johnson's entertaining picture stays firmly upright.

**:: SWEARING :: NO SEX ::**

**VIOLENCE :: RATING: 7.5/10**

### Charlie's Angels (12A, 118 mins) Action/Adventure/Comedy/ Romance.

Kristen Stewart, Ella Balinska, Naomi Scott, Elizabeth Banks, Sir Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Tucker, Sam Claflin, Luis Gerardo Mendez, Nat Faxon, Djimon Hounsou, Noah Centineo and the voice of Robert Clotworthy. Director: Elizabeth Banks.

Released: November 29 (UK & Ireland)

In 2015, Elizabeth Banks was in fine voice behind the camera of *Pitch Perfect 2*, propelling the feelgood sequel to bumper box office takings and a clutch of awards.

She is a safe pair of hands to harmonise script and direction of this outlandish globe-trotting escapade based on the popular 1970s TV series, which promoted a brand of girl power distinguished by fabulously coiffed hair and fetishistic figure-hugging couture.

Core messages of female empowerment and sisterly solidarity thrum in every lovingly glossed frame, including an opening titles sequence comprising a montage of girls and women flexing muscles and intellects.

Banks's script gleefully punishes male characters who underestimate the titular heroines and expects her high-kicking Angels to weather as many crunching blows to the face as the nameless hulking henchmen they must disable to save the world.

It's equal opportunities bruising with a theatrical flourish, garnished with male eye candy – a handsome scientist (Noah Centineo), a spiritual and physical well-being guru (Luis Gerardo Mendez) – whose lingering presence barely troubles the gossamer-thin plot.

Set pieces frequently nod to chauvinistic dinosaur James Bond (a close encounter with a rock crusher echoes *Licence To Kill*) including an intentionally clumsy pun borrowed wholesale from *Thunderball*.

After 40 years of dedicated service,

John Bosley (Sir Patrick Stewart) retires as senior controller of the Los Angeles-based Townsend Agency, which operates under the aegis of the enigmatic Charlie (voiced by Robert Clotworthy).

John leaves the agency in rude health with elite female operatives, known as Angels, stationed around the globe, fulfilling orders of loyal lieutenants all codenamed Bosley.

In John's absence, another Bosley (Djimon Hounsou) assumes control of a Hamburg rendezvous with whistleblower Elena Houghlin (Naomi Scott), who has evidence that the Calisto energy conservation project pioneered by philanthropist Alexander Brok (Sam Claflin) can be hacked for nefarious means.

"There is the possibility for the harmonic frequency to be reversed," she warns.

The meeting descends into bullet-riddled chaos and two plucky Angels – former MI6 agent Jane Kano (Ella Balinska) and heiress jailbird Sabina Wilson (Kristen Stewart) – intervene to save Elena from tattooed assassin Hodak (Jonathan Tucker).

The ladies regroup with a third Bosley (Elizabeth Banks), who tasks the trio with infiltrating Brok's offices to steal the remaining Calisto devices before they can be weaponised.

Cue various costume changes, hand-to-hand combat and a sequin-studded dance routine to a groovy remix of Donna Summer's disco anthem 'Bad Girls'.

*Charlie's Angels* blends a familiar cocktail of explosive stunts and wry humour with minimum characterisation and narrative outlay.

Stewart, Balinska and Scott are appealingly feisty and imprint distinct personalities onto their ethnically diverse saviours but their on-screen camaraderie is disappointingly undernourished.

Banks shamelessly panders to nostalgia with throwaway cameos by former Angels over the end credits.

**:: SWEARING :: NO SEX ::  
VIOLENCE :: RATING: 5/10**

**The Nightingale  
(18, 136 mins)**

A wronged woman seeks brutal revenge against her tormentor in 19th-century Australia in writer-director Jennifer Kent's deeply unsettling thriller.

Irish convict Clare (Aisling Franciosi) serves a cruel and unforgiving master, Lieutenant Hawkins (Sam Claflin), who refuses her request to leave so she can be reunited with her husband and child.

Hawkins punishes Clare's insolence with horrific sexual violence that almost breaks her spirit.

When Hawkins leaves to visit Launceston, guided by Uncle Charlie (Charlie Jampijna Brown), Clare hires a Letteremairrener man called Billy (Baykali Ganambarr) to help stalk her prey.

As Clare travel across Van Diemen's Land in Billy's company, she confronts her prejudice head on and realises that her black guide has suffered just as badly as her at the hands of white men.

### The Two Popes (12A, 126 mins)

Jonathan Pryce and Sir Anthony Hopkins are both tipped for Oscar consideration for their powerhouse performances in director Fernando Meirelles's award-winning biographical drama, which charts a pivotal moment in the history of the Catholic church.

Following the death of Pope Jean Paul II in April 2005, the College of Cardinals gathers to elect a successor.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Hopkins) and Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (Pryce) are among the contenders and the former eventually wins after four ballots.

He takes the name Pope Benedict XVI and advocates a return to fundamental Christian values.

Unexpectedly, the Pope summons Cardinal Bergoglio to the Vatican for a private audience.

He reveals that he intends to resign the position and hopes that Bergoglio will consider standing to become his successor.

Behind closed doors, the two men debate matters of faith and the human spirit, overcoming their differences as the future of the Catholic church hangs in the balance.

## Bob and his feline friends benefit from backgammon

A CASH boost for charity was raised recently by a backgammon group which meets at Cowbridge Library every Thursday.

The group meets from 1pm-3pm every Thursday and members play for 10p stakes, with an average of four to five games per session and the winnings are collected for charity. The group welcomes new members. It's free, takes five minutes to learn and a lifetime to improve. So if you are at a loose end, why not give it a go; you'll be very welcome.

Forgotten Felines was the charity that benefited most recently from the backgammon group's winnings. It is based in Pontyclun and is run by volunteers. Visit their website <https://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regid=1181190&subid=0> or Facebook to find out about their work and how to sponsor/adopt a cat.



## Events in your area

### Crime Prevention tables

SEASONAL Crime Prevention Tables which will be held at the Co-op, Brackla Triangle, Brackla, Bridgend on behalf of PCSO Steve Bowen can be seen as follows: December 1: 3pm-5pm; December 16: 9am-11am; December 19: 3pm-5pm.

### PACT in Barry

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

Dyfan PACT at the Barry Fire Station, Port Road West, Barry on Monday, December 2 at 7pm.

### Coffee in Cadoxton

A COFFEE morning with mince pies to be held at Cadoxton Bowls pavilion, Victoria Park on Monday, December 2 from 10.30am onwards, £1.

### PACT in Bridgend

MAESTEG East, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd PACT at Cwm Calon Day Centre on Thursday, December 5 at 6pm.

Bettws PACT at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, December 5 at 5pm.

Pyle / Cefn Cribwr / Cornelly PACT at Pyle Life Centre on Thursday, December 5 at 6.30pm.

Llangeinor PACT at Llangeinor Football Club, Llangeinor on Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm.

Caerau PACT at Noddfa Community Centre on Monday, January 6 at 7pm.

### Stroke support in Barry

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale run a drop-in monthly Stroke Club in the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Chat to others over a cuppa. Thursday, December 5 from 10am to 12 will be the next session. Why not just come along? Call 01446 732385 for further information.

**It's a Wonderful Life at the Memo LIGHTHOUSE Theatre presents *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* on Thursday, December 5 at 7.30pm at the Memo Arts Centre, Barry.**

Further information and tickets are available from [www.memoartscentre.co.uk](http://www.memoartscentre.co.uk) or call the Box Office on 01446 738622.

### Choir concert

BRIDGEND Male Choir will be joined by St Mary's RC Primary School Choir in varied music at the Friendship Concert on Friday, December 6 at 7pm in St Mary's RC Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend. Tickets (£5) on the door.



# CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH PARK CRESCENT & THE KNAP

## Park Crescent can solve so many of your Christmas problems

**OVER the last month, The Glamorgan GEM has highlighted all that's best in local shopping areas across the Vale.**

What they all have in common is hardworking, committed business people, often running family concerns, who enjoy serving the public, and Park Crescent (leading into St Nicholas Road) fits this formula to a tee.

It is a key thoroughfare in Barry, a popular route down to the relaxing Knap Gardens, the attractions of the Island, and the open spaces of picturesque Romilly Park

It features a host of long-established family businesses, all providing top services for local people and visitors to the town love the buzz and friendliness of the

area, and also the range of shops.

While established businesses continue to thrive, Park Crescent is also an ideal testing ground for new ventures, giving young entrepreneurs a chance to dip their toes in the water,

As a result, it is an interesting mix of businesses. Some have been there for more than 20 years, while the newest – Cake & a Cwtch – has its opening day on December 7!

Park Crescent is a compact shopping area where the shop you need is never too far away.

Christmas shopping is always going to be a source of stress, but Park Crescent's helpful and enthusiastic traders can make things a great deal easier.

## A warm welcome for you at Asprou's



Harry and Costa (right) at Asprou's Barbers.

**THERE can be few names better known in local hairdressing circles than Asprou's, and the family has been active in the business in Barry since the 1960s.**

In Park Crescent you will find Harry Asprou,

who has been there for five years. Costa in the business. He is an experienced barber with years of training.

Harry has been joined by his cousin Costa, also an experienced barber, who is there full time alongside him. "We are looking forward to seeing customers old and new over the festive season, and hope to see you all next year."

Harry said: "We are a traditional men's barbers and can cut hair in all types of styles. Asprou's is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and Saturday, 10am to 3pm."

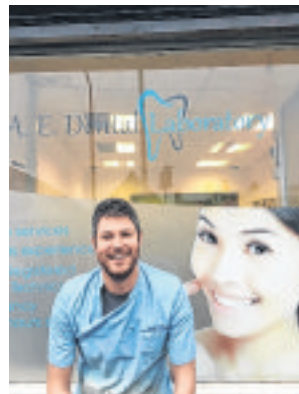
## AE Dental to the rescue!

**A RELATIVELY new business in Park Crescent is AE Dental Laboratory, which is run by Shaun Evans.**

Shaun, a GDC-registered dental technician with 20 years' experience, is refurbishing his office, but has all he needs in the laboratory to make and repair dentures.

He does a variety of work for local dentists, but his office is open to the public solely for denture repairs, which can be done on a while-you-wait basis.

The AE Dental Laboratory is open Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, and on Saturdays from 8am to 2pm. Shaun also offers an out of hours service for urgent repairs.



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## Demon Barbers looking forward to Christmas



Dan, Brett, Steve and Jake are the Demon Barbers!

**YOU** know a local company is doing something right when they become a fixture in their street, and that is certainly the case with the Demon Barbers, who have been in Park Crescent now for more than 25 years.

There is a great atmosphere in their premises in 124, Park Crescent, and it is obvious that the staff, who are all time-served and fully qualified, enjoy their work and are excellent in making customers feel relaxed and comfortable.

Owner Steve said: "We are open from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday and 8am to 3.30pm on Saturday.

"We would like to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

## Nail care and beauty at Polish Me Pretty



**AT Polish Me Pretty by Heidi, a full range of beauty and nail treatments are available.**

It is her third Christmas in Park Crescent.

Heidi specialises in nail care, in fact she teaches nail and beauty technology, using the salon as a base. All her courses are fully accredited and insurable.

In December, they will be running a series of special discounted treatments with

Christmas in mind, so it is advisable to check the company's Facebook page for details.

Heidi added: "We are really looking forward to seeing clients old and new over the festive period."

Danielle joined Polish Me Pretty in May, and specialises in all aspects of lashes, including lash lift, and also nail art. Recently, she has been on courses run by top, award-winning nail artists.

## Cake and a Cwtch – open in time for Christmas



**CAKE & a Cwtch** is an exciting new cake shop opening Saturday, December 7, at 10am at No 10, Park Crescent, Barry.

The owner, Sarah Hunt, told THE GEM: "I have been working in the cake business for nearly nine years creating bespoke weddings, birthdays and cakes for all occasions.

"As well as bespoke cakes, there will be cupcakes, cookies, brownies, biscuits, cold drinks and takeaway tea and coffee daily.

"I will also be selling cake decorations, sugarcraft supplies, boards, boxes, icing etc, all the things you will need to have a go at making your own cakes.

"I look forward to meeting you all on the opening day where there will be taster samples and a little glass of bubbly to celebrate.

"I would also like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

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Jayne and Sue at Cutting It by Sue

**HAIRDRESSING and beauty is a strong theme in Park Crescent.** The regulars love the chance to chat and catch up on local news.

One business that has built up a loyal clientele over a 17-year period is Cutting It by Sue at 116b Park Crescent.

It's a relaxing place to go, and the regulars love the chance to chat and catch up on local news.

The salon shuts on Mondays and Wednesdays, and is open for a half day on Saturdays.

Cutting It by Sue caters for ladies and children. People can either walk in, or phone up and book a specific appointment.

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## Barry Security can keep you safe and sound

ANOTHER well-established business on Park Crescent is Barry Security Centre & Locksmith, which is run by Matthew Cullen.

He said: "The business was started in Barry in 1976 by Doug Hucker. My dad took it over in 1991, and I joined in 2000.

"We've been on Park Crescent for nine years now.

"We do key-cutting, lock-outs, lock changes on PVC doors and wooden doors, and can install locks on doors where the locks are obsolete."

The business can fit alarm systems, both commercial and domestic. It also supplies a range of domestic safes.

Matthew said: "We'll do a free quote and I'll arrange for my engineer to fit it."



The Barry Security Centre can solve your security concerns.

## Sarah's is a must for all your Christmas items



ONE business all geared up for Christmas is Sarah's Greengrocers which offers quality fruit and vegetables.

What's more, it has just received its first batch of Christmas trees – always a popular line at this time of year.

To help customers as much as possible, Sarah's offers free delivery on

the trees, and also on another popular line – special hampers packed with fruit and vegetables to see you through the festive season.

Rhiannon, who is in charge of the florists, can supply Christmas wreaths, bouquets and floral arrangements – making Sarah's a real boon for anyone planning for Christmas.

## Still dancing...after 25 years!

ONE very well-established business in Park Crescent is A & A Dancewear, which will soon be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Children keen to learn are well catered for, but there has definitely been a 'Strictly spin off' effect which has seen more adults either refreshing old skills or starting from scratch.

For instance, adult tap dancing classes are

increasingly popular in the area and, let's face it, any form of dance is a great way to exercise.

A & A are a partnership of dance enthusiasts with a plenty of knowledge and experience.

Throughout December, selected lines will be on offer, and it is

well worth checking out the company Facebook and Instagram accounts for updates.

Remember, there is a warm welcome for all customers, regulars and new, at A & A Dancewear this festive season.

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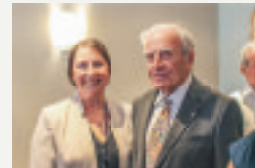
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## Seasons opens up its doors for Christmas 2019

SEASONS, probably Wales' largest Christmas store, opens its doors with all its new ranges for this coming festive season on the Brynmenyn Industrial Estate near Bridgend.

This truly unique Christmas store is a must see if you love everything 'Christmas'.

Now in its 19th year of selling Christmas products, this family business continues to expand with this year set to be the best ever.

The buyers at Seasons Christmas Outlet have yet again come up trumps scouring Europe and beyond sourcing thousands and thousands of exciting new items for their ever-growing army of customers. People young and old flock from all over the UK and abroad to see this truly sparkling magical store.

Seasons now stocks somewhere in the region of 20,000 Christmas goods, Christmas decorations, artificial trees and so much more, all under one roof. Browse Season's online store too, where items are available to purchase

on its impressive website.

There several spectacular display areas in the store. First stop for most visitors is its dazzling fibre optic and LED room, where hundreds of indoor and outdoor items are lit up.

Further inside you'll discover the stunning and popular Santa's Christmas Grotto, which always sells out and is now in its fourth year.

Earlier this year, Seasons' team of elves were busy redecorating Santa's home. The grotto's new makeover theme is surely set to delight Santa and his visitors once again.

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## A warm welcome at The Sycamore Tree



**THE tenants at The Sycamore Tree in Colwinston, Mark and Emma Hall, are looking forward to their second Christmas at the village's Brains pub.**

This year's festive menu is available every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in December during the run up to Christmas, and Mark is asking customers to pre order their requirements. A deposit is needed with bookings.

The pub has live music every Saturday in December as we move towards Christmas, and The Sycamore Tree will be open all the way through the festive period.

Mark added: "We have a free buffet and live entertainment on New Year's Eve to sing us into the New Year."

"We would like to thank customers old and new for their support, and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year."

**MEL & Ron Watkins Funeral Services will be holding their third annual Christmas Remembrance Service on Sunday, December 8 at Salem Chapel, Pencoe at 7pm.**

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year for so many but also one of sadness for those who have lost a loved one. It has been our aim to make our Christmas

## Christmas Remembrance Service

Remembrance Service an annual event to help remind families who have suffered a loss of the warmth of shared Christmases past, of the brightest Christmases to come and the importance of fellowship and support.

Our service includes the opportunity to place a remembrance star on our Christmas tree and is followed by some light refreshment in the vestry. We're delighted to be joined again by Cowbridge Male Voice

Choir and Natasha John. Also joining the line-up this year is Noteworthy Mixed Choir from Maesteg.

Entry is free; our chosen charity this year is LATCH, the Welsh children's cancer charity. LATCH supports the children and their families who are being treated in the oncology unit at the Children's Hospital of Wales. We

will have a free will offering during the service for the charity which supports families through very difficult times.

Doors open at 3pm and car parking is available in Pencoe Comprehensive School. For further information contact Amy Watkins on 01656 860545 or email [contact@melandronwatkins-funeralservices.co.uk](mailto:contact@melandronwatkins-funeralservices.co.uk).

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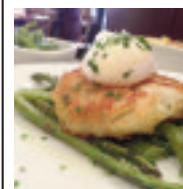
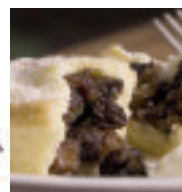
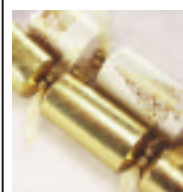
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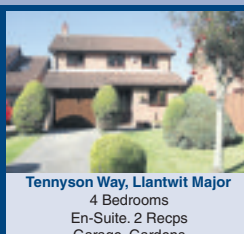
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This year, Alan will be talking about the numerous airfields in and around Cardiff and Penarth, the devastating air raids that the towns suffered, those darned Americans, German spies and sleeper cells, just what role St Augustine's Church played in the war effort and lots more. Entry is £5 with complimentary cheese and wine.

### Epilepsy support

**EPILEPSY Wales** run a monthly support group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry.

This will be held on Thursday, November 28 from 10.30am to 12pm. You will be able to chat to health care professional Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales and find out what is available in your local area, support groups and advice.

No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732395 for further information.

### Poetry in the Green Room

**SUSTAINABLE Wales' Green Room** returns on Friday, November 29 at 9pm, with poet Frances Presley and an Extinction Rebellion-themed open mic, featuring film, music and poetry.

It takes place above SUSSSED, James Street, Porthcawl. Frances Presley lives in London, and her collections are published by both Shearsman and Salt. Signed copies will be available. Everyone welcome: £4 on the door.

### An evening of brass

**THE Rectorial Benefice of Barry** are hosting An Evening of Music with Barry Brass Band and grand prize draw at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Friday, November 29.

Doors open at 6.30pm, tickets available from church members or on door. Adults £5 to include coffee and mince pie, children £1.

### Christmas Trees

**WESLEY Church Centre Tondy** will hold their annual Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday, November 30 between 10am and 3pm.

Christmas trees provided by local organisations and decorated in a variety of themes will light up the church, and there will be stalls with refreshments available. There will be special services in the church over Christmas in addition to the regular Sunday services each week at 10.30am and 3pm. On Wednesday, December 18 at 5.30pm there is a carol service with contributions by Tondy Primary School choir and on Christmas Eve there is a Christingle service at 5.30pm.

### Table top sale

**THE Sandville Self Help Centre** in Ton Kenig is holding a table top sale on Saturday, November 30, 2.30pm to 4pm.

Father Christmas will be opening the event, and he will be in his grotto in the log cabin to greet any children who want to meet him.

### Church's 200th anniversary

**BETHEL Baptist Church, Durell Street, Llantwit Major**, is celebrating its 200th anniversary with a hog roast (provided by Farmers Pantry) at 4.30pm followed by a concert in the church on Saturday, November 30, and a special celebration service at 10.30am on Sunday, December 1.

### Rhose Bingo

**THE committee** at Rhose Community Hall in Stewart Road are holding their fundraising Christmas Bingo afternoon next Saturday, November 30.

Doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm. At half time light refreshments will be served and there will be a Christmas raffle. Come and join us for a festive afternoon.

### Christmas at St Lawrence

**FOR a foretaste of the festive season, join the congregation at the**

old former Church of St Lawrence, Fort Road, Lavernock at 3pm on Sunday, December 1, for an hour of Christmas readings, poetry and carols.

Rev Margaret Stark will offer some thoughts about Christmas and Anne Thomas will accompany the carols on the French harmonium. The church will be decorated enthusiastically by the working party and the congregation are invited to the Marconi Inn afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies. There is a free car park on the left of Fort Road just before the church. Enquiries to 029 20701303.

### Valeways guided walks

**ON Sunday, December 1** meet at Gileston beach car park (CF62 4HX) at 2pm for a 2.5 mile walk around Gileston.

On Tuesday, December 3 Crwydro: Cwm Colhuw; meet at 10am maes parcio Neuadd y Dre, Llanilltud Fawr.

On Wednesday, December 4 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston will meet at 10.30am outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park. The same day, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet at 2.30pm outside Llantwit Major town hall.

On Thursday, December 5 the Living with Cancer Strollers meet at 10.30am outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

On Friday, December 6 a Wellbeing Walk takes place in Porthkerry Country Park: meet at the cafe car park at 10am.

### Cinnamon Trust

**THE Cinnamon Trust** is the national charity whose volunteers help people over retirement age and those in the latter stages of a terminal illness by offering all kinds of pet care.

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## TAYLOR

## Malcolm George (Mac)

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Mac on 18th November, well known for his time at Dow Corning and very proud of his National Service with The Royal Regiment of Wales. Devoted and loved husband to Maureen, much loved dad, grandad and great-grandad.

*Mac will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 4th December at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Cancer Research Wales at Velindre Hospital in memory of Mac.

## PETRIE

## Raymond William

Suddenly but peacefully passed on 17th November 2019 at The University Hospital of Wales, with his family at his side. Husband of Dawn, dad, grandad, great-grandad.

*Ray will be sadly missed by all.*

Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 2nd December at 5pm. All donations to NHS Welsh Ambulance Service.

## MILES

## Pamela Mary Louise (née Price)

13th August 1939 - 18th November 2019  
Beloved wife of Bryn, much loved mum of Sue and Tracy, cherished nan of Lewis, Morgan, Rebecca and Gavin.

*Pam will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Monday, 2nd December, service and cremation 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

## JONES

## Brian Cyril

Glenys and family wish to announce the sad passing of Brian on 21st November at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Loving dad of Steve and Andrew, special father-in-law of Natalie. An adored grampy of Rhys, Elinor and Bethan.

*Brian will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.*

*'Our Shining Light'*

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service.

## WILLIAMS

## Brian Edward

(ex Coal Trimmer)

Passed away peacefully at home, aged 82 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy, devoted father of the late Duane, Brian, Hayley and partners Alyson and Tony. Adored grandfather and great-grandfather.

*Will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.*  
Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the service on Friday, 6th December at 11am at Barry Chapel Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, followed by the Burial at 11:30am. Bright casual clothes to be worn please.

## HORN

## Kathleen

Peacefully after a short illness on 19th November 2019, aged 71 years. Loving mother to John and David, cherished nan to James and Daniel.

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## WOOD

## Jessie (Sheila)

Sadly Sheila passed away quietly on 23rd November after a short illness, which she fought bravely, without complaint. Sheila was a very dear wife to Jim, loving mother to Carol, Jill, Tracey and Stuart. Greatly loved by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sheila is in the care of A.G. Adams Funeralcare of Barry until the service in the funeral home chapel on Thursday, 5th December at 2pm, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie Holme Towers will be collected at the service.

## Acknowledgements

## JENKINS

## Marion (née Hopkin)

The family would like to announce the passing of Marion Jenkins; beloved wife of the late Mervyn, much loved sister of the late Joyce, Billy and Wyndham and a dearly loved aunt.

We wish to thank the staff at Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court for their excellent care of Marion, Father Craig Vaughan for the funeral service and Richard Mustoe of Porthcawl Funeral Services for the dignified and professional service.

## AUSTIN

## Bill

Bill's family wish to thank most sincerely all friends and neighbours for the amount of support and best wishes they have received over the recent weeks.

Special thanks to staff at Y Bwthyn Newydd for the excellent care that Bill received.

Also special thanks to Reverend Stephen Pare for his kind words and ministrations and Penybont Funeral Services, for the dignified and professional funeral arrangements. Also the Star, Wick for the refreshments and welcome.

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# Successful weekend for Pencoed Phoenix teams

**P E N C O E D Phoenix RFC enjoyed a fine weekend with all three sides recording victories.**

The senior side travelled to Burry Port and returned with a fine 17-59 result.

Leanne Burnell scored four tries and kicked seven conversions. Amie Stevens scored a hat-trick of tries and Laura Keeble chipped in with a brace.

Phoenix had all their Welsh international rugby league players back and produced flowing, running rugby. Even when Port came within 10 points, Phoenix still dug deep to control game.

Players from Phoenix who made significant contributions included Eleri Harris Thomas, Rhiannon Thomas, Jade Thomas, Laura Keeble, and Lauren Aitkins – to name a few. The tackle count from Linzi Morgan and Millie Wilson must have been off the scale.

Player of the match went to Leanne Burnell and Rhiannon Thomas.

The under-18s played Ynysddu at home and took the spoils 50-0. Mia Davies led the way with three tries. Rosie

Carr scored one try and kicked five conversions.

Lowri Davies, Kathryn Stacey and Jade Davies, a GB international gymnast on her debut for the club, scored a try apiece. Rosie Carr was chosen as the player of the match.

The under-15s entertained Gilfach Goch and secured a tight 22-17 victory. Ellie Lewis Nicholson crossed the whitewash twice, Hannah Marshall scored a try and kicked one conversion and Demi Wallis scored a try.

For the second consecutive week, Demi Wallis was chosen as player of the match.

**Photographs by Julie Hancock** (<http://juliehancock.org>)

**TOP RIGHT: Amie Stevens offloads in the tackle.**

**MIDDLE RIGHT: Leanne Burnell at full speed.**

**RIGHT: Rhiannon Thomas breaks a tackle.**



## Presentation evening at Brynhill Golf Club

RECENTLY, Brynhill Golf Club held its 99th annual presentation night, a black tie and sparkle evening which was well attended and enjoyed by both members and friends of the Barry club.

Beginning with the presentation of the trophies and an emotive tribute to Brynhill legend John Collins from club champion Scott Bowman, the evening degenerated into a raucous night of dad dancing.

As always, the turnout for the Sunday Pro Comp was lower than usual and while correlation is not necessarily causation, I'd humbly suggest there is a link.

The Pro Comp was won by notorious hackers Chick and Such, 46 points squeezing out fellow choppers Bounds and Townsend on a back nine count back.

Last week, the Brynhill Seniors also hosted their presentation lunch, and the afternoon saw Andrew Down lift the Seniors Championship while Bob Bounds was named Senior Player of the Year.

Alan Sweeney

**Club captain Jamie Griffiths presenting the cup to club champion Scott Bowman**



**Club captain Jamie Griffiths presenting the Ladies Championship Cup to Claire Downton.**



## Bold plan lands big gamble

A HUGE gamble on a five-year-old bay gelding called **Bold Plan**, trained by Llancarfan's Evan Williams, paid off handsomely when the ex-Irish winning point-to-pointer landed the BetFair Exchange Handicap Hurdle worth more than £31,000 to the winner at Haydock Park last Saturday (November 23).

A 10-1 chance on the morning of the race, **Bold Plan**, ridden by Robbie Power, made up a lot of ground in the latter stages of the race after making a mistake early on, to win by two-and-a-half lengths from the favourite **WhoShotTheSheriff**.

So much money was laid on the horse, which had finished 10th of 16 in its previous race at Chepstow, that it was returned the 11/4 favourite.

At Ascot, **Bold Plan's** stablemate, the strongly fancied **The Last Day**, partnered by stable jockey Adam Wedge, blew away its chances in the two-miles one furlong handicap chase with mistakes at the first two fences but made up a lot of ground in the closing stages to finish fourth behind the Paul Nicholls-trained **Capeland**, and in doing so picked up £5,775 in prize money.

James Bowen and his brother Sean both rode winners at the meeting. James won the opening novices hurdle event on the Nicky Henderson trained Valtor and Sean took the Coral Hurdle on Henry Fry's **If The Cap Fits**.

**Connor's three-timer**

CONNOR Brace made it three wins in a row on his grandfather David Brace's **Heavenly Promise** when landing the opening Sun Trade Windows Handicap Chase at Ffos Las last Friday.

Eight-year-old **Heavenly Promise**, which came home five lengths ahead of the Dai Rees-trained **Misty Mai**, is trained by Fergal O'Brien and was returned the 3-1 favourite.

Mr Brace OBE, of the Dunraven Stud at Pyle, who sponsored all six races on the card is a leading trainer of point-to-pointers and has also saddled many winners under Rules himself.

There was a close finish to the Bracey's Maiden Hurdle in which the Rebecca Curtis-trained **Summer Name** got home by a neck from the David Brace-owned and trained former winning point-to-pointer **Colorado Doc**, racing for the first time in 607 days. **Colorado Doc** was ridden by Connor Brace, who we will be hearing a lot more of in the future.

Cowbridge's Charlie Price, riding the Bernard Llewellyn-trained **Never Equalled** was an eight lengths winner of the Dunraven Windows Handicap Hurdle.

**Never Equalled** is owned by former champion amateur rider Isabel Thompsett, who knows what it is like to ride a winner at Ffos Las and she will always be associated with that prolific winning hunter chaser and point-to-pointer on whom she won 26 races – including the Dunraven Foxhunters Hunter Chase at Ffos Las in 2010.

...and at Kempton Park... THERE'S no stopping 3lb claiming jockey Connor Brace. On November 25 at Kempton Park riding for his boss Fergal O'Brien Connor won the EBF Stallions NH Novices' Hurdle on 15-2 chance **Golden Taipan**, which got home by three parts of a length from Emma Lavelle's **Nambid Dancer**.

Brian Lee

## Dinas Powys Football Club opens new stand



**Dinas Powys FC recently refitted its stand at the Murch with new seating. At the presentation was the chair of the club, Brian Clifton, pictured with local businessman Chris Mort (left), of CJ Contract Travel Services Ltd, Barry, one of the main sponsors of the club.**



## Resolven's resolve makes Porthcawl RFC work for their win



*Maesteg Celtic's Scott Sainsbury.*

**M A E S T E G Celtic travelled to Ystradgynlais for a Division 2 League fixture, a game closely contested with both defences holding strong.**

Most of the play was in the middle third of the pitch with occasional forays into the 22s. Celtic started well and earned a penalty after five minutes.

Outside half Scott Sainsbury was successful from 35 metres.

Celtic went further ahead when second row Kieran Power won a line-out near halfway and Sainsbury threw a miss pass to wing Kristian

Jenkins, who made ground before passing to wing Lee Arthur, who put full back Morgan Lloyd clear. Lloyd took the ball to the 22 before kicking ahead and Jenkins beat the cover defence to the ball for the touch-down and Sainsbury kicked the conversion.

The home team closed the gap with a well-worked try before Celtic scored again. Sainsbury kicked a penalty to touch in the 22 and second row Alex Jones won the four-man lineout. Number eight Ryan Turner took the ball at the home defence and scrum half Liam Healy gave quick ball to Sainsbury,

who threw a long pass to Kristian Jenkins who touched down: Sainsbury converted. The home team responded with a pushover try before Sainsbury ended the half with a penalty kick.

Celtic began the second half with impressive forward drives by front rowers Sean Lambert, Morgan Reeves and Mark Wilkins, together with great work by the back row of Peter Kehoe, Josh Mines and Ryan Turner. The home team were forced to concede a penalty, which was kicked by Sainsbury.

Ystradgynlais kicked a penalty of their own before a speedy break

by their scrum half on halfway allowed their outside half to score. The home team were now one point ahead with 20 minutes to go. Celtic attacked furiously, but handling errors and over-enthusiastic penalties allowed the home team to keep them out.

With minutes left on the clock, Ystradgynlais three quarters conceded a penalty on their 22 and Celtic man of the match Scott Sainsbury calmly kicked the winning points.

Final score: Ystradgynlais 24, Maesteg Celtic 26. **KS**

## Resolven's resolve makes Porthcawl RFC work for their win



*Ben Asprea's first try. Photograph by Tracey Williams.*

**A fabulous brace of tries from flanker Ben Asprea in the opening half, paved the way for Porthcawl RFC to climb back into second spot in the division with a 29-15 win against a stubborn Resolven side.**

The first came after just five minutes as centre Jon Phillips switched to the left and provided the perfect pass to Asprea, who galloped away to dive over in the corner, his try converted superbly by Josh White for 7-nil.

Not to be outdone, Asprea's fellow flanker Louis Protheroe, back from injury and superb throughout the match

with his winning of turnovers at the breakdown, nabbed the second try just two minutes later after taking a pass from skipper Leon McNally. He sped over, White pushing his kick uncharacteristically wide with Resolven looking shell-shocked at this early salvo.

The visitors did manage to snatch an easy penalty when their forward pressure caught the Seaweeds offside for 12-3 before Asprea found himself in space fully 45 metres out, sliced through a gap and cantered away to score at the posts, without a hand so much as touching him and White's conversion made it 19-3 on 27 minutes.

Resolven played a typical forward-driving

game but they found the home defence somewhat hard to crack and when White knocked over a 22-metre penalty as the home pressure told, it all looked comfortable at 22-3 to end the first half.

Porthcawl continued in the same vein at the start of the second half and with Protheroe ruling the roost at the breakdown, it wasn't long before pressure turned into points as centre Sean Wilcox capitalised with a strong burst and finish, his try securing the bonus point and White's extras making it 29-3.

Resolven are a hard Neath valley side though, and they started to get more into the match with some determined forward play and eventually it paid off as they moved down the left and found

the extra space required to snatch a try for 29-8.

Phillips left the match with Tom Davies moving to centre, allowing Jack Robbins some game time at scrum-half, followed by Joe Williams taking over from White with 12 minutes left.

The Porthcawl scrum which had been so steady in the first half found itself under pressure going into the closing stages and when Resolven snatched a final converted try for 29-15, it was no more than their efforts deserved.

With Wales playing this weekend, the players get a rest before travelling that long haul to Builth Wells on 07 December for what could be a cracking top four clash.

**PF**

## Presentation evening at Cottrell Park Golf Club

**COTTRELL Park Golf Resort members held their annual prize presentation day on November 16.**

The day started with shotgun start where over 80 competitors enjoyed a mixed fourball Texas Scramble, followed by a hearty hot buffet and then it straight into the presentation of all the winners and runners-up for the season of 2019.

Among the winners were:

Ladies' Club Champion - Megan Cullinane; runner-up Eleanor Lewis.

Ladies' Golfer of the Year - Helen Evans.

Men's Club Champion - Barrie Jones; runner-up Adrian Harding.

Men's Golfer of the Year - Rhys Sutcliffe.



*This year's captains Craig Beer and Tina Morgan.*

## Plaudits for Llantwit Major Nippers

**LLANTWIT Major Surf Lifesaving Club Nippers and Juniors held their annual presentation recently to celebrate a wonderful season.**

Simon Jennings opened proceedings for the Nippers, thanking the helpers who make the section run smoothly. These included: Liz Durrant for her meticulous work with the competition entries, Emily Godsell for various organisational tasks, Gopher for ferrying equipment around to training and events, pool coaches of Lee Eustace, Jamie Bartlett-Jenkins, Daf Hewitt and Emma Craythorne plus the various parents who have helped with water cover at training and events.

The 2008 group of girls got a special mention as they have been a strong group and had some amazing results over the season with regular multiple point scoring finishes. There was also a special mention for Flo Durrant and Maverick Jennings, who

managed gold medals in the Welsh Championships.

Trophies were awarded as follows:

*Pleasure To Coach* - Marged Evans and Jack Rowles; *Best Newcomer* - Indie Ward and Menna Jones; *Most Improved* - Mali Davies and Lanto Lewis; *Most Committed Competitor* - Lilly Williams; *Most Determined* - Simirin Rane; *Most Improved Timed Swim* - 50m Ellen Woodhall, 100m Scott Sawyer, 200m Rees Harris; *Nippers' Nipper* - Talar Rhys-Dillon, Caleb Stockton and Maverick Jennings; *Coaches' Nipper* - Emily McDonagh; *Daf Saunders Award* - Martha Pegram

Throughout the season, the Nipper section have finished highly in most competitions but lost out to some of the big clubs in the area due to their extra numbers. Looking at the coming season though, the squad have competitors at every age group for once so are hoping to build on previous successes and start challenging the bigger clubs.



Llantwit Lifeguards have also recently been successful and been chosen as one of the charities that the Co-op will be fundraising for over the next 12 months. This will allow the club to replenish worn out equipment and purchase new items too. Please consider choosing the club as the local cause to support.



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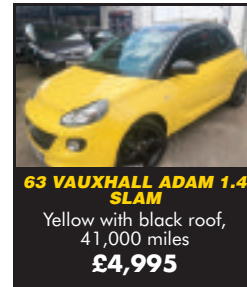
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## Some Vale Bridge Club results

**Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club**  
**RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for November 25 are as follow.**  
First equal with 59.72%: Linda Jenkins and Bill Turner and Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; third, Barbara Exton and Helen Barrie.

For November 20: First, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 58.68%; second, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones 58.33%; third, Ann Miller and Judith Nunn 56.75%; fourth, Mearl Owen and Myrtle Williams 56.35%; fifth, Cathy and James Mangles 55.90%.

**Llantian Bridge Club**  
**THE latest November scores are as follow.**

November 18: first, Dot Williams and Pam Hamner; second, David Simpson and Diana Trickey; third, Alan Beckwith and Ros Martin-Jones.

November 25: first, Dot Williams and Pam Hamner; second, Caroline Leonard and Meryl Phillips; third, Mike Stephens and Gill Daniels.

**Old Hall Bridge Club**

**FOR November 13 a competition in aid of Children in Need was run, and nationally over £38,000 was raised; since 2002 they have raised over one million pounds.**

The results from our club were as follow.

First, John Raymond and Allan Lewis 63.89%; second, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones 57.99%; third, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 56.94%; fourth, Sue and Graham Norris 56.94%; fifth, Cathy and James Mangles 56.60%.

The club meets every Monday at 7pm in the Llantian Hall, Llantwit Major. New members and visitors welcome, call Alan Beckwith on 01446 775836 or email homestead34@btinternet.com for more information.

## Barry and District Clubs results round-up

**THE latest results from the Barry and District Clubs are as follow.**

**Crib Division 1:**  
Rhoose Social 12,  
Romilly Railway 3;  
Liberals 6, Cadoxton  
Cons 9; Moors Boys 6,  
Wyndham Cons 9.

**League:** Romilly  
Railway 78, Rhoose  
Social 75, Liberals 71,  
West End 70, Wyndham  
Cons 70, Cadoxton Cons  
66, Moors Boys 65.

**Skittles Division 1:**  
Rhoosters 6, Rhoose  
Social B 1; Sea View  
Exiles 6, Liberals A  
1; Barries Boys 5,  
Slammers 2; Barry Town  
14.5.

FC 6.5, West End C 0.5;

Liberals C 7, Cambrian  
Flyers 0; Rhoose Social  
C 4.5, Rhoose Social A  
2.5; Rugby Club 2, West  
End D 5; King William  
XII 5, Allsorts 2.

**League:** West End D  
51.5, Sea View Exiles  
51.0, Rhoose Social C  
41.0, Rhoose Social A  
40.5, Rugby Club 40.5,  
King William XII 40.0;  
Barry Town FC 38.5;  
Liberals C 36.0; Allsorts  
32.0; Barries Boys  
30.5; Rhoosters 30.5;  
Slammers 30.0; West  
End C 30.0; Rhoose  
Social B 25.5; Cambrian  
Flyers 21.0; Liberals A  
14.5.

**Snooker Division** West End B 1; West

1: Cadoxton Cons B  
End A 1, Market Street  
1, Wyndham Cons B  
4; Harbour A 4, Sully  
A 4, Penarth Cons B  
Sports A 1; Market Street  
2, Cadoxton Cons Z  
C 2, Market Street A 3.

3, Rhoose Social C 0,  
League: Market Street  
Harbour B 5, Savoy B  
C 32, Market Street A  
4, Rhoose Social B 1,  
2, Savoy C 29, Harbour  
Liberators 0, West End  
A 27, Services Social  
B 26, West End A 23,

**League:** West End  
Wyndham Cons D 23,  
C 37, Harbour B 34,  
Market Street B 22,  
Savoy B 32, Cadoxton  
Cadoxton Cons A 21,  
Cons Z 26, Penarth Cons  
West End B 18, Sully  
Sports A 15.

**\* = Points Deducted.**

View all results and  
league tables at www.  
barryleagues.co.uk.

**\*Liberators 4.**

**Snooker Division 2:**  
Cadoxton Cons A 4,

## Wales basketball team nets sponsorship

**A WELSH youth basketball team has agreed a new partnership with a regional house-builder to help fund a European tour for the team.**

Wales under 15 basketball team, which trains at Cynffig Comprehensive School in Bridgend, has been handed £1,000 by Persimmon Homes West Wales through its Community Champions scheme. The sponsorship will help fund a summer European tour for the talented group of youngsters. The tour comes with many expenses,

which the sponsorship will help cover.

The under 15 team has received £1,000 from Persimmon Homes West Wales, who will be the team's match shirt sponsor.

Emma Whitney-Embleton, team manager, said: "The players selected have had to go through rigorous trials to make the team and now have the opportunity to compete in a European tournament. The basketball tour will not only benefit the players sporting skills but the players personally. We are very thankful to Persimmon Homes West Wales."

**Brian Lee**

## Evan's top weighted runner wins at Warwick

**EVAN Williams's 10-year-old King's Odyssey, ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, landed the John Summer Memorial Veterans Handicap Chase at Warwick on Wednesday (November 20).**

King's Odyssey, which carried top weight of 12st.7lbs, got home by half-a-length from the lightly-weighted Smooth Stepper and was returned the 9-4 favourite.

At Lingfield the day before (November 19), Alan Johns - stable jockey to Aberth's Tim Vaughan - chalked up another winner when scoring on Barnetown, which had two-and-a-half lengths to spare over Theo's Charm.

## Bridgend Bridge Club's latest scores

**BRIDGEND Bridge Club member Tony Disley, with partner Adrian Thomas, was successful in the Porthcawl Bridge Congress winning the Men's Pairs competition.**

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:  
The Club Pairs Championship was completed on November 20: First, Mike Best and Tony Disley; second, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham.

On November 21: Equal first, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett, and Stuart Davies and Dilys Bowser; third, Richard and Maggie Ashpole.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com.

## St Mary's seniors' gift for Ty Hafan



**ST Mary's GC Senior Section's main event of the week was an individual Stableford competition contested by a field of 35.**

The day was bitterly cold but on the plus side, the brisk wind had certainly helped in drying out the fairways. All three of the final placings broke the nominal par of 34 points for the 17 holes, with Malcolm Jones and Trefor Jones sharing the top spot on 38 points, with Malcolm winning on countback.

Gareth Thomas was placed third on 36 points.

Lauren Saddler of the Children's Hospice, Ty Hafan, came along to the section's AGM to receive the proceeds of 2019 outgoing captain Dave Hughes' charity fund. Accepting the cheque for £670, Ms Saddler (pictured above with Mr Hughes) expressed

her gratitude, explaining to the members present that less than five per cent of their annual income comes from government and they are, therefore, heavily reliant on public donations.

The section's second competition of the week was played out under even more brutal arctic conditions and the reduced field of 15 sensibly opted to play the competition over just 12 holes. The format was a team Stableford played in three-balls with each of the five teams recording the best two of their three scores at each hole.

With the support of fellow team members Bob Coombes and Mike Tayler, and a combined score of 59 points, Trefor Jones was justifiably promoted to first place on this occasion.

NL

## Porthcawl Bridge Club help CiN

**THE club recently held a heat of the British Simultaneous Pairs, in which players throughout Britain played identical hands, the results are then scored centrally.**

The winners in the club were Glyn and Vida, and they were also the highest placed national pair from among those competing in the club. The total proceeds from the event are donated to Children In Need, and Porthcawl's contribution was £160 of a British total of £39,309. (Since the event started in 2002 Bridge has contributed £1,070,691.)

Also last weekend some of our members competed in the annual Porthcawl Bridge congress, which attracts players from clubs throughout Wales. Local successes were Tony and Kevin who came second

in the Men's Pairs, and Dave and Norma who came second in the consolation major Pairs Championship.

Other club results are: November 9: first, Tony Haworth and John Beard; second, Trish Saunders and Connie Dick.

November 14 Children In Need Pairs: first, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford; second, John Beard and Rob Charlesworth.

November 16: first, Tony Haworth and Gerry Doak; second, Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth.

November 21: first, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Terry Dolan and Mari Jones.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre: Thursdays 6.45pm - 9.45pm; Saturdays 3.15pm - 6.15pm; visitors welcome at any time. To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

TH

## Bridgend Athletic Youth's fine away win at Dunvant

**BRIDGEND Athletic Youth, top of Ospreys Division C East, travelled to Dunvant for a friendly against a very strong Dunvant Youth and came away with a 38-14 win.**

Both teams started strongly, with the Ath piling on early pressure. However, a succession of penalties saw Dunvant set up a ruck near the Ath line to cross for a try against the run of play. It was brilliantly converted by their outside half.

From the restart, great phase play took the Ath into the opposition 22 and in a carbon copy of the previous week, centre Tom Reed took a pass from scrum half Thom Lewis and looked to charge forward, off-loading at the last minute to send fellow centre Danny Osarigie flying over under the posts for a great try converted by Ethan White.

Back came Dunvant again, aided by the Ath conceding several penalties, to again go over for a try from five metres out. The try again superbly converted

by their outside half.

Five minutes later, a barnstorming run from No 8 Michael Gillette saw him feed flanker Josh Llewellyn, who went over for a great try, again converted from wide out by Ethan White, to level the scores at 14-14 at half time.

The second half saw the Ath dominating possession and the forwards took control of the game, constantly driving Dunvant back from line-outs and scrums. Two such lineouts inside the Dunvant 22 saw hooker and captain Jack Obbard crash over for two tries, one converted by full back Rhys Williams.

Second row Morgan Bennett flew over in the corner for a fantastic team try, and then came the try of the match. Josh Llewellyn, from 40 metres out, threw the most outrageous dummy, causing the defence to resemble the Red Sea parting, allowing 'Moses' to fly through. Showing great pace he rounded the full back and carried three would be tacklers over the try line. Callum Reed's conversion was the last act of the game.





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## Athletic hang on to win as 'Waun' mount fight back



**LEFT:** Prop Wayne Fooks supported by fellow prop Mathew Muir and centre Chris Price. Photograph by John Canon.

**WITH recent home wins over Birchgrove and Tondy and only a narrow 24-28 defeat by Kenfig Hill on the first game of season, Waunarlwydd – the home of Liam Williams – is a tough place to get a result.**

This eventually proved the case for Bridgend Athletic who, despite racing into a 17-0 lead, were glad to hear the final whistle when Waunarlwydd staged a last 30-minute comeback to claw back 12 points of their deficit.

Despite heavy rain, the pitch was in good condition with both sides attempting to play rugby from the start. It was the Athletic who broke through when No 8 Ben Davies ran strongly at the home defence. The ball was quickly recycled via half backs Robin Davies and Luke Bevan, reaching young wing Matthew Hobby on halfway from centre Tom Jenkins. Hobby chipped ahead,

regathered and drew the Waun full back inside his 22 before throwing a well-timed inside pass to flanker Ben Howe to cross wideout. Bevan converted to give his side a 7-0 lead.

Three minutes later flanker Sean Williams was held close to the Waunarlwydd line – but the home side were adjudged offside and Bevan extended the lead to 10-0.

The Athletic were playing good intelligent rugby, mixing rolling mauls, open play and good tactical kicking by half backs Davies and Bevan to keep the Athletic on the front foot. On the 20-minute mark Bevan put a penalty into touch five metres from the home try line. Hooker Lee Murphy found Williams and re-joined the maul as it raced at pace over the try line to extend his tally as Athletic leading try scorer to five touchdowns. The conversion made it 17-0.

Williams was soon back in line out action, this time stealing a Waunarlwydd throw in

five metres from the Athletic try line. A few minutes later, a Waunarlwydd penalty bounced back into play off the upright, and when the Athletic fumbled Waunarlwydd had an attacking five-metre scrum.

Despite a large physical disadvantage, the Athletic front row Wayne Fooks, Lee Murphy and Mathew Muir forced Waun to concede a penalty.

The only Athletic attacking move of the second quarter saw a good run out of defence by Sam Richards, carried on by Ben Davies but a potential inside scoring pass failed to go to hand.

Head coach John Apsee's half time warning that unless the Athletic matched their first quarter momentum, they risked again defending in the final stages. This proved true as the large Waunarlwydd pack took control at the scrum and, aided by the Athletic conceding too many penalties, forced their

way back into the game.

In the 55th minute, constant pressure tied in the Athletic defence and when the ball went wide, wing Alan Pope had a free run into the corner.

The Athletic freshened up their pack with lock Ben Cording, prop Callum Swinford and debutant youth hooker Ben Owen joining the action. The Athletic tackling, with the back row and centre Chris Price prominent, kept the home side at bay until the 72nd minute.

Waunarlwydd elected for a five-metre scrum penalty. Their jumbo pack drove the Athletic eight back over the line for No 8 Mark Besley to touchdown and outside half Josh Matushke to convert and set up a grandstand finish.

The Athletic had been in this situation before, with all six previous games going to the wire in a very competitive league. Their resilience and character again shone through and when player coach, 48-year-old Stuart Morris, entered the

fray in the 78th minute, Ath kept possession and finally, scrum half and man-of-the-match Robin Davies gratefully kicked the ball off the field. There had been hopes of a bonus point win after that first 20 minutes, but five-points was the largest home losing margin for the Rams of Waunarlwydd.

This win means the Athletic are in third place with 23 points from five wins, a draw and a loss. Five games have been played away including the current run of four successive away wins.

Coaching advisor Gerald Williams commented: "We are pleased with results but not enough points have been scored. Indecision is costing us."

This Saturday is an early home kick off at 12pm at Newbridge Fields in a rearranged local derby against Nantfyllon. It is the Ath's first home league game since the 20-20 draw with second-placed Dunvant on September 28.

Adrian Burt

## Tondy comeback pips Mules after tense final minutes



**Gareth Lindenburn on the move for Tondy.** Photograph by Gareth Anthony.

**THIS was always going to be a fiery encounter between close rivals Tondy, playing at home, and Kenfig Hill.**

The Mules took an early lead with a well-worked try by wing Lloyd Thomas, converted by outside half Jonny Clatworthy.

The home side came back into the game with two penalties over the next 10 minutes, slotted over by outside half Luke Whittall. The second penalty was for a tackle on Tondy's Adam Harris, where home supporters felt that Mules prop Gary Raffell got off lightly with just a yellow card.

Tondy then saw yellow after Ashton Evans was sent to the sidelines for handling on the floor. The Mules took advantage of this and scored their second try through outside centre Kris Stenner, slotted by Clatworthy.

Then just before half time, full back Mike Kennedy crossed for the visitors. This was unconverted, so it was **Tondy 6 Kenfig Hill 19**, at the interval.

The home side came out with real intent in the second half, emphasised when Tondy captain Sam Grabham crossed for a well-worked try, converted by Whittall. The game became more open, which suited the home team. Following the try The

Waterwheelers were in the ascendancy, challenging for everything.

This led to Tondy taking the lead after captain Grabham scored his second, again slotted by Whittall. The score was now Tondy 20 Kenfig Hill 19.

The last five minutes was a nervous affair after a penalty saw The Mules take the lead back. Then a further penalty awarded to the home side saw the lead go back the other way. A moment of handling on the floor by the home side saw a penalty awarded to the visitors right in front of the posts.

This was slotted by Clatworthy. The ref indicated that the restart would be the final play of the game. The kick and the subsequent ruck that had formed saw the Mules penalised, and Luke Whittall kicked the penalty for a final score of **Tondy 26 Kenfig Hill 25**.

It was a great way to sign off Tondy RFC's 140th birthday and to honour the sad passing this week of former president and club trustee Mr Peter Bunston.

Tondy travel to Dunvant next on December 7.

Mike Sully

## Pencoed's valiant efforts are in vain at Seven Sisters

**PENCOED RFC** travelled to Seven Sisters where, considering the recent heavy rain, the Dulais valley pitch held up well.

Pencoed opened the scoring from a 42-metre penalty from Rhys Clarke. The home side replied almost immediately with a penalty of their own.

With Pencoed's forward resources stretched to the limit, the young front row trio of Rhys Davies, Jack Walker and tighthead Dylan Bishop, were more than holding their own. Jack Walker managed to plunder several strikes

against the head'. The next score came from Pencoed. Following a well-judged grubber kick from Alex King and sustained pressure from the forwards, Jack Thompson forced his way over, but the conversion failed. The home side No15 then kicked his second penalty.

Pencoed enjoyed a long period of pressure when two or three try scoring opportunities were created, but none taken, and the home side kicked a third penalty.

Despite being the better side, Pencoed found themselves 9-8 behind at half time. Their cause wasn't helped in the second half when, following

a mass flare up, the match official decided the home side were totally blameless and awarded a red and a yellow card against Pencoed.

Rhys Clarke put Pencoed back in the lead with another penalty. The home side then got the all-important next score, a converted push over try.

Pencoed finished strongly, but they could not add to their score, leaving the home side winners 16-11. The losing bonus point was scant reward for the efforts of the young forward pack where Jack Walker and Ashley Bissett were particularly prominent.

TDR

## Paralympian calls time on long international career

**WALES' most experienced para table tennis player, North Cornelly's Paul Davies, has announced his retirement.**

He competed at international level for many years, with the highlight in 2012 – a bronze medal at the London Paralympics. The 53-year-old veteran also won medals at world and European level, including team gold in the European Championships in 2013, and represented the British para team in the Rio Paralympics.

He said: "The time is right

now because I feel I've achieved everything I could. I've got a lot out of it and met a lot of people."

Davies rediscovered the sport at the age of 30 when he started playing as part of his rehab following a road accident that left him paralysed.

Tributes have been paid to his long contribution to the sport. Davies added: "I've had a good time and I wouldn't change anything that has happened. Life is life and I'm moving on to the next chapter now."

MP

## Connor's Ffos Las winner

**CONNOR Ffos Las** last 3-1 favourite. Mr Brace OBE, of the Dunraven Stud at Pyle, sponsored all six races on the card is a leading trainer of point-to-pointers and has also saddled many winners under Rules himself.

Eight-year-old *Heavenly Promise*, which came home five lengths ahead of the Dai Rees-trained *Misty Trade*, is trained by Fergal O'Brien and was returned the